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Dryburgh Abbey February 26. 1795.

Dear Sir,

I embrace the occasion of Mr. John Millar Son of Professor Millar of Glasgow's going to America to return you thanks for your obliging letter of the 15th of October last & to assure you of the continuance of my kind remembrance.

I am sorry that you should still continue to find a want of literary society at Carlisle which I hope may be gradually removed by yr. endeavours to promote it.

With a comfortable home & good Books a wise man will not make himself very uneasy about any thing an de hors which he cannot help or prevent, and by these means I have never allowed our British or European Non-sense to give me much disquiet.

The affairs of Men seem always to have been disturbed pretty nearly in the same degree by Superstition or by Ambition and there seems no great reason to flatter ourselves with any change in these respects so that it seems best to be of the School of Democritus & not to be continually blubbering with that of Heraclitus who I take to have been a very stupid fellow & by no means a good

Member of Society. — If you should happen
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Mr. Mullan is the youngest Daughter of the
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& Physical Society and so justly esteemed
as a worthy & accomplished Man.

I wish him to obtain a Literary Situation in
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commended him to the attentions of all my
friends on yr. side of the water among whom
I have the pleasure to name you & remains
with sincere regard, Res.^d & Dear Sir,
Yr. obly^d humble Serv^t
Buchanan

Lady Buchanan joins me in kind good wishes
to you & yours.



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The Reverend Dr. Charles Nisbet

Principal of Carlisle College

Pennsylvania

Carlisle

Earl of Buchan
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