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Sir

I would have wrote before now to enquire after you, & to thank you for your kind visit; Had I not waited for a frank; & in the mean time a very mournfull event happened which gave much Concern to this family. I truly believe that the Death of our worthy friend Lady Northerk, has given very general concern- for our family have sustained a very great lose, - But I have no time to enlarge upon this Extensive Subject.

I was much obliged to you for the frank manner in which you expressed a desire of complying with my request for a reading of your Lecture; had it been wrote- & still more for offering to gratify my inclination, by recollecting these pious meditations upon that Rich Psalm, or writing them out for me. I cannot deny myself so far as to decline so instructive an offer, tho' sensible it must be attended with considerable trouble to you.

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I therefore do thankfully accept of it, & when a Leisure hour would permit, I beg you may fulfill the further offer made of letting me have your thoughts, now, & then, upon some few passages of scripture as they may occur. I have an interleaved Bible, into which I have collected some annotations, particularly <u>all</u> that are to be found in Mr. Harvey's writings (should be glad to know your opinion of these) It will do me a great favour to send me some notes for that purpose.

As you Expressed a feeling regret at seeing so few books, I once thought of sending a few, but as that would be attended with trouble, & as I might not hit upon those you would wish to have, judge it better to send the enclosed, with a design to encrease your Library a little, if you chuse to put it to that use. I shall only point out <u>Doddrign Life</u> for one as it was mentioned when you were here. I beg you may take no notice of this when you write, as acknowledgement for triffles, really hurt weak nerves. & your sympathy with these sort of feelings

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all this family join in best respects to you, & I beg you may believe me with much Esteem, Dear Sir

your H. St. WL

I had yours of Jeb: 21, which your me much satisfaction, 3 for which I do most Smeerely thank you - my good cerapendents - & my Inclination consequently for of course-for writing wie much falm of Late - But where I meet with one whope Sortiment agree with my own in so many particulars as you have get had Occupien to Mention; it oncevrages me to proceed in hopes of profiting - - As to your Sentiments of Sermons, They give me much pleasure - If I mirtake them not - I suppose you give the preference to Sermons which affect the heart - which many Condemn for my part thefe Somen which affect not my heart, & drow two from my eyer - have little Effect upon me at all - they go in at one lan, I ant at the other, without taking dadging in the Momery - - your Verdict of Commentation in Gentle is also most - I never metwith of the few I have Seen one - but Officed with Jungwige - the coloness with which they could

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in the Mans (Lond: Choncele) paper from Mr Washy Concerning Toping - I think you would opreve of all - I like thefe pring of Baston very much porhages gen howe not seen them in & this profont State - My Lord of all the young people Send there bef respects - & I am with much Estern Dr Sir yeur Humble Sont. youll have heard that Mr Taylor of Pously goes to Glunger Mr Bamode to Dempres a Mr Buchannan from Glungen Spile of for Lith - I think that is his name - Mr Bonur might have gone to glargow had he bretined - but, uncommenty Wifely, thought himself to young for which a though, it that it might have been a lop to him in the most Expential points --Fratum mer Wertly when you dan processed franks write - Shall Send a frank for my Lond in which gen way onelype your letter to the -

March 9th 80

Dr Sir

I had yours of Feb. 21, which gave me much satisfaction, & for which I do most sincerely thank you. my good correspondents. & my inclination consequently (or of course) for writing is much calm of Late. But where I meet with one whose sentiments agree with my own in so many particulars as you have yet had occasion to mention; it encourages me to proceed in hopes of profiting. As to <u>your sentiments</u> of sermons, they give me much pleasure. <u>If I mistake them not</u>. I suppose you give the preference to sermons which affect the heart. which many condemn, for my part, these sermons which affect not my heart, & draw tears from my eyes; have little effect on me at all. they go in at one ear & out at the other, without taking lodging in the memory. your verdict of Commentators in gospel is also most just. I never met with one of the few I have seen. but observed with surprise, the coldness with which they could

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treat of the most enlivening truth. & thought you might know of one of another spirit, (not but that those who write in a stile not so animated are prophesied of the true spirit of the gospel) who wrote with more feeling than the generality of the commentators do, & from another view than Critical Notes, & Observations. This made me prize Mr. Harvey's notes, he writes with such warmth, & his ideas are so exalted. I am much obliged to you, & much edified by your notes upon the other verses of the XXXII Pls., I say it without an idea of flattery. (Indeed my opinion is little worth having) that I think you would be a most proper Commentator, & this opinion I daresay is not peculiar to me. Will be much indebted to you for any adition to the notes already collected in my interleaved bible; which are not many, mostly confined to Mr. Harveys. I cannot name any particular texts, or psalms. whatever strikes, or occurs naturally to yourself will be most agreeable. & from time to time

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as you find Leisure, & inclination. I suppose notes from old Lectures, (if you have them) Abridged, would answer very well, but I have some idea that you said you did not write your Lectures, which is a pity. I am glad to find your health was improved when you wrote last, hope your family are all well, to which I grasp by your constitution you are much attached. I have not been so well for a week past, as for sometime before. The degree of health to which I have been restored is a grave blessing, demands my most thankfull acknowledgment to my Almighty Saviour. O! that more precious fruits may grow after this New Lease of Life, then has ever done hitherto, & all be dedicated to Him who has yet spared, & redeemed from the power of the grave.

I tire of writing so will add no more, but ask your opinion of Baxter [two words illegible] Abridged, & his Dying Night. Converse with God in Solitude. All abridged by B. Fawcett.? & If you noticed a letter

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in the News (Lord: Chronicle) paper from Mr. Wesly concerning Popery. I think you would approve of all. I like these pious of Baxter very much perhaps you have not seen them in their present state. My Lord & all the young people send their best respects. & I am with much Esteem Dr Sir,

Your Humble Servt.

W.L.

Nov 4th 83 Theo Sir deforme from him & I downered weight for I had the forom of yours, & renty take it as such, for although your par with rendily, it cannot be cuthed the pan of a ready writer, neither is mine, I am Sure for wholower it has been, I find a great change, with I could Say that Indolence, The I dis like the idea of it, was the only Campe of unwillings to write But if I ever had any my genew for it, it is now loft, of this I must not dely giving you a Specimen, to convince you that I am not fre Jonsible of your favour - and therefore unte porhaps a for, parkages many lines, in aufwer to your Valuable letter for which I thank you of give you joy of your Victory As mutters Seem to go on Slinly it will probably come to be another act go - if Then It be reftered?

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Revd. Sir

I had the <u>favour</u> of yours, & really take it as such, for although your pen writes readily, it cannot be called the pen of a ready writer, neither is mine, I am sure for whatever it has been, I find a great change, wish I could say that indolence, tho' I dislike the idea of it, was the only cause of my unwillingness to write. But if I ever had any genus for it, it is now lost, of this I must not delay giving you a specimen, to convince you that I am not insensible of your favour. and therefore write perhaps a <u>few</u>, perhaps <u>many</u> lines, in answer to your Valuable letter for which I thank you. & give you joy of your Victory. As matters seem to go on slowly it will probably come to be another act go. if then it be restored?

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Your expectations concerning the effects of peace have been different from mine. I earnestly wish <u>you</u> had been right, but I always dreaded that when the war ended people would then imagine they had less to fear, & their minds consequently became more dissipated especially with regard to secular affairs, as it made a new opening for trade. As for the other warnings from providence, most awfull indeed they have been, & I trust that those who have been more immodestly concerned have been led to repentance by the judgement of God! But at this distance they seem to have had no effect, neither does the dire full effects of war, or threatened famine, which so many have suffered by; appear to have accomplished the purpose for which they were sent. By all account we continue to prevock more, & more. Extravagance, & Luxury daily encreases. God! only knows what the consequences will

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will be. <u>He</u> knows what we deserve. No Nation has better reason to say that judgment is his strange work, & that it is of His Mercy that we are not consumed! As for the Unitarian Sect which you mention as likely erected at Montrose; it is pretty plain that God has not joined them together; therefore endeavours may be used to put them asunder. Yet I daresay, open opposition is the readiest way to make these small beginning to grow, & flourish. I remember to hear that <u>Barclay</u> was sadly disappointed because he was not prosecuted.

I just now send a passage which I will transcribe as somewhat to the purpose. "It is meet we should tremble for fear, & stand amazed when we behold the most grievous judgment of God, (Viz) seems he confounds at understanding of & Learned of this we, whilst many perform, not indeed delectable of a good natural understanding, & sagacity,

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are so offended at the great simplicity of the Scriptures, that they have found out devious ways of inverting the sense of clear words, & use their utmost endeavours to deny their plain meaning, draw them to foreign place; & accommodate them to the taste of their corrupt reason. Although the words of themselves be so manifestly possionous as to glare in their eyes; The example of

these men, who lash upon the word of St. John. (Ch. is referred to) as divinely inspired, & nevertheless Imposing the Eternal Divinity, & Majesty of Our Lord J. Christ, ought to render us cautious, & circumspect, that we do not pervert the Holy writings to our own destruction. On the contrary we strive with the greater earnestness to receive the plain truths of God! with plain & honest hearts, & earnestly pray to him for the true sense thereof, that in his Light we may see Lights.

"O Lord incline our ears to hear, & take away

I had your long letter, & do venly regrate the truble you take in uniting to me as one of your advisors which I have Told yen I never went pretend to be - The I found an grasitable define of offering Some thoughts that Occurred to my weak judgent perhaps ill Supported by Sorfe, or jury isment, of also to partial to be Sustained as wighty and See the wife, 2 god, often So different of their own judgement in metters of preportance, Har they think it their duty to argue, & Act, in apposition to their own Julivetien, from a doed that a bias that way, may Lond them to Meafures Contrary to the will a previdence of god - but he such towar Conference does not god in Morey ordinarily make the way Clear, & Senter the flends the Darhen This Minds, too much confull ing with flesh & blood is not the way to come to the huendage of the truth - fout I new not till you this I these who adoise to the Swe that nature Lends to are Suspected of partiality - while

who put nature out of the Soule for as on to it a more wighly matter some they bollaning for themselves - I think the Low in Mercy often former our Nature tony on according to the wish to be done - gar are not Endened with a hardy Spirit or Seem formed for Enterprise, or the buffle of publish life;" perhaps you muy Step out of given preper Sphere of action in Contradiction to your own Inclination from a dread of Swfull Indulgance Surely to there are wany arguments on the Stuying side very wighty, as well as upon the Side of Removing, - It al the pour of a Rugh to Hustrate Them - I do not think His fixing upon you at the dis town for of 20 years, at all Surpriging - it is a quartien if he had hand much Comming people in your die during that time, Is of Severe of any whose Storestor he and dapend on as friendly to am: So that he had prohaps 100 choice, while your gour refusal he ted mod. Enguing - a sorfuted with you, & other for a proper a Side the at: _ I hope this is no proprior porenthuses - is to out your Long Settlement in a Change, "age, the not a soul -d n

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always to have the lift; but this is not the cafe with me, for i Whe to have you in my debt which is the reason I am So Suiss to reply Little for your Enfe, but I can want your time till the Convenient Scufen come, - 2 what any " you get concerning Some Important quevies you Expected to have Solved, before you mude any Resolution - I am always angry at myself for Saging two much upon a Sabject where I have so Little tottle to awife a get aways fall into the Some Error The ready to Confep ingraff the importers of all your foresperdents to beneficiale litter by prayer, or adoise - The' I bento ly right it was attrivile -Itod Her Home ser your difficulty, - of as Injusticly as I cived your reason for of agt.; It a seems to think that the State of affin there a more Esqualy acreening that Polledge, are very precurious of it engle to be further advanced, & the State of orffairs were Settled before ... to or protoont to Engage, or for one to fine their country where they are of great who which he is costain in the Cope with you, I a ung vije fingation Man he apparen to be The South of Markinich are Sanding by Reppy in him got him Homfor for their Mins & Litarife vegine that my Land was Voitarin over all the means this end superty he toped to

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morenny that had your letter in it I have never being uble yet to get the

Dr Sir

I had your long letter, & do verily regret the trouble you take in writing to me as one of your advisers which I have told you I never would pretend to be. Tho' I found an Irresistible Desire of offering some thoughts that Occurred to my weak judgment perhaps ill supported by source, or argument, & also too partial to be sustained or weighty. I see the wise, & good, often so different of their own judgment, in matters of importance, that they fail in their duty to agree, & not, in opposition to their own justification, from a dread that a bias that way, may send them to measures contrary to the will a providence of God. but to such tender conformers does not God in mercy ordinarily make the way clear, & scatter the clouds that darken their minds, too much confessing with flesh & blood is not the way to come to the knowledge of the truth. (but I need not tell you this) those who advise to the side that nature lends to are suspected of partiality. while some

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who put nature out of the scale for one would find it a more weighty matter were they balancing for themselves. I think the Lord in Mercy often forms our natural things on according to the work to be done. you are not endowed with a hardy spirit or seem formed for enterprise, or the "battle of publick life," perhaps you may step out of your proper sphere of action in contradiction to your own inclination from a dread of sinfull indulgence. Surely there are many arguments on the staying side very weighty, as well as upon the side of Removing. Had I the pen of a Rush to illustrate them. I do not think His fixing upon you at the distance even of 20 years, at all surprising. it is a question if he had heard much concerning people in your time during that time, & seems of any one whose character he would depend on as friendly to him; so that he had (perhaps) no Choice, unless upon your refusal he had made Enquiry. & consulted with you, & often for a proper one, who had less to detain him (by the providence of God) on this side of the At. than you have. I hope this is no improper parentheses. in out your Long settlement in a change, Age tho' not a 100), & a

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a wife & family beautys of providence- & <u>detaining</u> arguments of some weight? When the present call abroad certainly appears far from clear, & is at best but an indegated good scheme, of the maturity of which, one may Lavishly Entertain great doubt considering the contentions. that at present appears to be among them; your ideas of the other side of the water, present I am afraid, a too flattering picture; what good reason is there to believe that they are a sheet of clean paper as you seem to think they are. "Every thing to form, the minds of man free from the shackles of authority, can easier yield to reason" etc. I wish I could see good reason to see with your eyes the people there in such a favourable light; but tho' I have even been partial to them, & have fought many <u>small</u> battles for them; I cannot believe but they are like ourselves, much <u>improved</u> in the knowledge, & practice of Evil; & are read of portentous, & animositys begun, & carrying on with a high hand, & which there are so many masters, I fear there will be constant

desecration among them. I thought I had put <u>finis</u>, to this subject when wrote to you the end of last month; but one word brings on another, & it is said of our sex that we like

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always to have the last; but this is not the case with me, for I like to have you in my debt which is the reason I am so swift to reply. Little for your Ease, but I can wait your time till the Convenient season comes, & what answers you get concerning some important queries you expected to have solved, before you made any Resolution. I am always angry at myself for saying too much upon a subject where I have so little time to advise & yet always fall into the same error, tho' ready to confess myself the unfittest of all your correspondents to be of able, either by prayer, or advice. Tho' I honestly wish it was otherwise.

I told the theme for your difficultys; & as Impartialy as I could your reason for, & agt. It seems to think that the state of affairs there, & those especially concerning the <u>Colledge</u>, are very precarious, & <u>it</u> ought to be further advanced, & the state of affairs more settled, before it can be prudent to engage, or for one to leave their country where they are of <u>great</u> use which he is <u>certain</u> in the case with you, & a very wise sagacious man he appears to be.

The Parish of [one word illegible] are exceedingly happy in having got their stone for their mill & likewise rejoice that my Lord was victorious over <u>all</u> the means that could possibly be used to

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defeat this settlement. but this must be the baseness of conversation not correspondence. about 200 of them came here on the Sabbath to hear him. in a shower of rain & high wind, & said they were most requited for their trouble. an Elder said that had Ld. L. given the P. of Mark: three Hund gs. he would not have made them half so happy. Adeu, it is not from having much time to spare, that I write you such a long letter, but for the esteem with which I am your sincere wellwisher.

Nov.r 20th

When an opportunity offers we will be glad to see you. Ld. B. Leaves as before, or about [two words illegible], wish you could have seen them. Lord B. would like to hear all your ideas, concerning many things. I do not rightly understand what you say concerning the E. India Comp. & the farfated estates.

I had yours, with the inclosed the day I have Jargot, being wholely engroped by the prefent distrepen this family, Land 9.3 I Sen one of the finist Creatures I over Sow, hus been near three weeks in worm fower So the his life is despoired of; & & all opporance be camel live long - I must have all Reflection upon this Melancholy Event to your priors mind - for my part I am to overcome with the thoughts of god goodness, in bestering do many Conforts of this Hortune, -3 Contining them so leng, by his Long deffining, 2 Judaly once, that I cannot get atterares to Speak of it, it will become us to be Submifme to his divine will in all things, - parting with Such bewitching Comforts in not an lung daty - but the goodness of God! which and wreth Contin : may - 2 is four a proport help in the time of said - he makes his grace to be dufficient for us, 3 his Strongth perfect in our weakness. My Dearly beloved many - like the Mother of our Land Tandars thefe

in her last, a trucky behaves in a map example morner, Calm it a quiet as a weared phile, vaiting the Lands will, is adaring him any as the author of all her Moreys, & Soutifying him when Calling for an what he gave I could write a long time on this Sovet the Melon he scholy befiel, Did not My daty ball me to be with her comy hour, at who she is not Laid for reft, a indeed I am wenderfully enabled en to do more than could be expected from my badily strongth a prefere w. folings - but to the praif of god be it Said - I have over famil in thin to be the Cafe -! I amnot mertin the half of the observations that Occur & my I mind upon parifing your, I the aneloped; only this in General I is This is plain, that you dought to be in no hung with your propers w. hie determination - As the familation of the College Leans not A get to be Laid - I doing before that it would be a drewfule to Dow to me to Son any thing agt a floor cake in providence, & g n it would give me point to think of Counteracting a Dong & Europ aight of my kind friend In St - whofe name upon one particular in acet. will be own It to me, a all this family - of I would be stry on he Stund over know that I won to gen upon this Subject, - But or, at the Same time, as a fool may give a wife man a Council, I a carnet bely Saying what Occurs to Me on this Subject - I find /by in what I can learn I that the whole Originates from him, - his tomper is warm, a lively, I have the Same Jugaressin upon the people those, that his Jonportunate copaftalations have had upon you - his Eloquena , I have had much appearince of by a long Correspondence with this form The Small Ithink compared to your How do you know if that 40 of - At board of troftees will ak centime in one mind - especiely as they are Composed of all Scoth? How will gen agree we the duty of 3 I how tooking bony day gram How do you but that Dr W. is

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you, a other good people are in much needed on they can be any where makes me think it newpony to give only this hims to toke good head of printer well the path of duty- no doubt gen have done this - but the it is semetimes hand to know, a it is a grut Mirry when the Last St a plain juth before you Jean to make little act of the Removal of an observe Judindune butter you and not do, if that Individual was not yourself - we That not, I believe so much Confider, whom the Lord will ring up, as to work the work given as to do - I tremble while I mention This of ready to blot it out, when I canyeare myself with the parten to when I write; - hat if there is very few to do the Lands week among in an Offense Judindual is of great Imputance, - we see what quest things have been done Sometimes by an Individual - I dan long it will have be your thing End to glarify God, wheren, on in whitever he is plufed to amply you - but sowely you need not live this Country to leck appartunitys of greater ofefullings - 2 gen Day gower of that we Think blef egind that we are not professated for the furth, or alleged to fly to different Countrys for Safety" - "We Kind be thankfull for the transpilled of our station of Labour to Juproun it to the Loneur of the given of all good Luter" I Should think the call to such a last of Vigourous Daty, was more the province of pieus young man

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Dr Sir

I had yours, with the enclosed the day I have forgot, being wholly engrossed by the present distress in this family; Lord R's 2nd Son, one of the finest creatures I oversaw, has been near three weeks in warm fever so that his life is despaired of; & to all appearance he cannot live long. I must have all reflections upon this melancholy event to your pious mind. for my part I am so overcome with the thoughts of God goodness, in listening so many comforts of this nature; & continuing them so long, by his long suffering, & Indulgence, that I cannot get utterance to speak of it, it well becomes us to be submissive to his divine will in all things; parting with such bewitching comforts in not our every duty; but by the goodness of God! which endureth continually; & in even a present help in the time of need. he makes his grave to be sufficient for us, & his strength perfect in our weakness. My dearly beloved Mary, like the mother of our Lord Pardon these things

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in her heart, & truly behaves in a most exemplary Manner; calm & quiet as a weaned child, waiting the Lords will, & adoring him as the author of all her Makings; & Justifying him when calling for what he gave. I could write a long time on this sweet tho' melancholy subject, did not my duty call me to be with her almost every hour, when she is not laid for rest, & indeed I am wonderfully enabled to do more than could be expected from my small bodily strength, & present feelings. but to the praise of God be it said, I have ever found this to be the case!

I cannot mention the last of the observations that ocean to my mind upon perusing yours, & the enclosed; only this in general I think is plain, that you ought to be in no hurry with your positive determination, as the foundation of the Colledge seems not yet to be Laid. I said before that it would be a dreadfull idea to me to say anything agt. a clear call in providence, & also

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it would give me pain to think of counteracting a design & earnest wish of my kind friend Dr. R; whose name upon one particular acct. Especially will be ever Dr. to me, & all this family; & I would be sorry he should ever know that I wrote to you upon this subject. But at the same time, as a fool may give a wise man a council, I cannot help saying what occurs to me on this subject; I find (by what I can learn) that the whole originates from him; his temper is warm, & lively, & has the same impression upon the people there, that his importunate capitulations have had upon you; his Eloquence I have had much experience of, by a long correspondence with this family; & by his persevering and overcoming all Dr. Ws Difficultys, which were many & great tho' small I think compared to yours. How do you know if that 40 of the board of trustees will all continue in one mind, especially as they are composed of all sects? How will you agree wt the duty of Laws teaching Every day. How do you know but that Dr W. is in

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the right, & that he is truly your friend in dissuading you from going; he is a good man, & we should not suppose that mercenary Venis would lead him, to mislead on B.r? Have you a turn for managing a farm, & improving Land? Consider the great difficultys that have been surmounted (if they are surmounted?) in bringing this Coledge to a bearing? Which is not yet come the length of the Infant described by the good Dr. I find that much of the good op. conceived of you in that concern Rests upon Mr. Bowin Evidence; & how do you know but that like Dr. W, you will might not carry the same character back with you, to Scotland that [one word illegible] you carry'd from it to Am. It is a business of Importance which like matrimony should be well weighed, as it cannot never be undone with honour. Remember that I write to you in confidence, never to be read but by yourself. but your situation craves the attention & interference of your friends, wish I was a utterance to advise, indeed it is presuming too far to say so much as I have done, but the dread of your being decoyed away from your country, & friends, when

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you, & other good people, are as much needed as they can be any where, makes me think it necessary to give only this hint to take good heed & ponder well the path of duty. no doubt you have done this. but oh! it is sometimes hard to know, & it is a great mercy when the Lord set a plain path before you. you seem to make little act. of the Removal of an Obscene Individual but this you need not do, if that Individual was not yourself. we should not, I believe, so much consider, whom the Lord will raise up, as to work the work given us to do; I tremble while I mention this, & ready to blot it out; when I compare myself with the person to whom I write; but if there is very few to do the Lords work among us an Obscene Individual is of great importance; we see what great things have been done sometimes by an individual. I dare say it will ever be your chief end to glorify God, whenever, or in whatever way he is pleased to employ you. but surely you need not leave this country to seek opportunity of greater usefulness; & you say yourself "that we should bless God that we are not perfected for the faith, or obliged to fly to different countrys for Safety." "We should be thankfull for the tranquility of our station, & labour to improve it to the honour of the giver of all good things." I should think the call to such a sort of Vigourous Duty, was more the province of pious young men

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then one come to your time of life, with such an indifferent state of health as you enjoy.

I took a spare half hour to scribble this, at two different times since it was begun, it has pleased God to call away from us our very dear little lamb. I must only add that many merciful interventions might be mentioned. O! that I could ever be watchfull in something unnumerable instances of that same that never doubteth. Alas! it is little of it we know. I in particular inexcusably neglect, to Observe, & Improve, the operation of His hands, who is every ever employed in doing what is good, & best for us. Im sure you would be pleased to see my Dr. Mary's behaviour upon this occasion; who, tho' one of the most affectiont, attentive mothers who devotes he whole time to her childn; is nevertheless as composed & resigned as could be wished. what a mercy! we have been timely much affected, & no wonder, upon this occasion; May the Lord Sanctify the dispensation; & unite our hearts more closely to himself; & be warming them

more, & more from the Lord of the Creature. pray for us Dr. Sir. & believe me with much esteem &c.

Your Sincere Wellwisher.

L. Leven [written upside-down]

July 26th 84

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Revd. Sir

I was not unmindfull of the business you mentioned to me in your last, tho' conscious <u>I</u> could be of little no use in the chance you pointed out. I therefore did not try my <u>No</u> power with the people you pointed out, but at 2d hand made an attempt I judged would have more Influence. I was pleased to find that that settlement is in the terms you wish, & will, It is to be hoped conclude amicably.

I wonder that you have not mentioned when writing to Mr. M. having received a very long letter I wrote to you, with your American letters enclosed. I am anxious to know that it came safe to hand Shall now enclose a frank that you may not scruple to write to me, & take the use of them while we ever have any Benifits.

You will see by the N. Papers that

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Lord Bolgonis is now a married man. I beg youll remember them in your prayers. She is the Dau. of pious parents. Her father indeed a Nonesuch. as the post is going I can only add that I am with much esteem,

your [two symbols illegible].