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Jan. 19th 85

Dr. Sir

I intended to have wrote to you before now had not the high portage Laid an Embargo. Mr. M. has been so good as to give Me a reading of your letter to him which is the cause of my taking the pen Immediately In case I should by mistake, be classed among your mistaken Rc. Humble friends. that I may assure you, that whoever those may be, I never was among the number. but had penetration enough upon the full reading, to discover the true impact of the words & I really think it required but a small degree of it to put a true judgment upon them by any person who knows the Authors Manner, & feelings. I thought the words attended to could never have been construed in any light but in jest, Tho' the author had been unknown; but surely none that know the harmony of your Dispositions, & your sympathy with all in distress could suppose you guilty of hard measures. I think

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I was not prudent to write in that stile to such a distance. The other particular of your letter to Mr. W. I remember little about, the Note about the [one word illegible] being the only thing I heard taken notice of;& on which I was at no loss for a commentary. I hope you keep good health. in this severe season, both my Ld. & I have been ailing. he has shared in a destemper any epidemical of late in many places. a complaint in the bauch attended with a flux; he is now pretty well again. A great mercy. Among many to this family that cannot be numbered. No word of the ship our Dr. son David sailed in for Gib: the End of Nov.r which is matter of great anxiety to my mind. Dr. Ethan the only Remaining Son has been very ill, & is still far from well. they doused Water in his head. the Worthy man may live. I only got your letter yesterd. from Mr. M. he only got it himself on Sat. as he has been Edr. I grudge that you should pay 3d for this, but did not wish that you should suppose me so ignorant of your Christian disposition as to misconstrue your words when they could bear no meaning that meant

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no evil. In haste adieu. I take the opportunity of Our Carrier to send this to Edr.

Theverend of worthy Sir

It was lucky for me thus your Final departure was Sudden, of unexpected the day you left m, I had no apprehensen it was to be the luft meeting - It is always very hand upon the to did a dim to a friend, much more Esperally whom I never expect to See them again - you have by this time felt long t of this trial, which to me is always affecting - I intimed writing to yen before now, but un elling to put yen to the orpende of possage vouited for Some private Conveyance, but upon having acidently, that you was to be at I under on wid. on your way to Granock - I take upon the pon to express my god nither for a Safe, & Every papage of that you may be prefored for valuable purpofer - I hourtily Sympathing with mon 11 - if her Vois are out floor She mast Suffer deeply - I beg you may write to me Sometimes - & do not concerned the touth if mutters do not only your Expectation - I Still think you lowe been himed of this Stage

which I do most Sinearchy regrate - my Northy from In Rush 2 I would be antipodes in your affairs - I beg however that gen with afron him of my confrant Love, of regard, for the friendly daty He performed to the Lass remains of, Him, who I Loved as 12y own Life - I have holf wrote Several latter to him, of write him morning in My thought, but never center get one Account, hicked that planford me, my dand has wrote to the D?, three, or four times, both before, & Jones hostilitys power, I hope he got Some of those, I would not for any thing have him Surpert any descrination of the gratefull of the regard due to one who Shewed Sorp which all this family will soon setuin, It Such a freed, in a limself to be founding It gives as great plusque to Lewer from time to time, for soundry - It gives as great plusque to Lewer from time to time, that he is so hoppy in his Domeflie Concerns . - I have defined my Sanghton to put into your keeping a Small box Directed for Dr. South, which you will be so good as take core of, & deliver to him. I with this in a hurry howing no time to Lofe - I Shall with you, a family well, in all places, I at all times - being with much Estern, of regrote your H: St. W.L.

Jones The Benin

#### March 23d 85

#### Reverend & worthy Sir

It was lucky for me that your final departure was sudden, & unexpected the day you left m; I had no apprehension it was to be the last meeting. It is always very hard upon me to bid adieu to a friend, much more especially when I never expect to see them again. you have by this time felt enough of this trial, which to me is always affecting. I intended writing to you before now, but unwilling to put you to the expense of passage waited for some private conveyance, but upon hearing accidentally, that you was to be at Dundee on Wed. on your way to Greenock, I take upon up the pen to express My good wishes for a safe, & easy passage & that you may be preserved for valuable purposes. I heartily sympathize with Mrs. N, if her veins are not clear, she must suffer deeply. I beg you may write to me sometimes, & do not conceal the truth if matters do not offer your expectation. I still think you have been hurried off this stage

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which I do most sincerely regrete. My Worthy friend Dr. Rush & I would be antipodes in your affairs. I beg however that you will assure him of my constant love, & regard, for the friend by duty He performed to the Last remains of, Him, who I Loved as my own life. I have half wrote several letters to him, & write him many in my thoughts, but never could get one accomplished that pleased me. My Lord has wrote to the Dr., three, or four times, both before, & since hostilitys Coucid [?], I hope he got some of those, I would not for any thing have him suspect any deliniation [?] of the gratefull source which all this family will ever retain, & the regard due to one who showed himself to be <u>such</u> a friend, in a far country. It gives us great pleasure to Learn from time to time, that he is so happy in his domestic concerns. I have defined my daughter to put into your keeping a small box directed for Dr. Rush, which you will be so good as to take care of, & deliver to him.

I write in a hurry having no time to lose. I should wish you, & family well, in all places, & at all times, being with much esteem, & regrete,

Your H. St.

W.L.

Dr hi

I am much indebted to your for uniting to me so soon after grand arrival, a acquainting me of your soft handing on the temerican store—
you give me a very district execut of your Voyage - your sons dangerous.

ithref would direct your four for one week - the I done say you had many aw fell alanus, & your pour Wife much be in great distrep - I don't have hors it has been with you as to the article of heat, but we have seen no such warm summer for 20 or 30 years - a great dout of themen of Lightening on toward the 26 which had been univerfal, at left we have haved of its lifeth &: W: South & Mith

I rejoice that you found the westly Deceter in Comfortable (iremflower I shall never be Indifferent Concerning him, He gained My good opinion in his larly Days - & hus dence much to Confirm it, I mover think of him but nith affection, My not uniting to him is not a most of my want of Esteerm; but that the Sobject which first prefer to theight to My mind, when I attempt to write to him which I have done of ten, is too tender - He has a feeling heart! - I wish you had too me if the box divised

him which followed you to glasgow with Mr Lake; was arrived Safe. When you write let Me knew about his family, And also about your John voyager Mr Hamforr - If he has got any thing in a Settled way -? pour Potoskin hus waited Somedoine for a Ship -g in the mun mr gibson We Kink is dead who was Chaplin of Staling Portly 2 mm P - hun app lyed for the Small being if he Sneeds it will present it his having his poor family - who will be in a very poor way if he is a ablyed to live them - - Tour Glasgon Grapandonts will write you ab! a I are that his been preaching there & in Es? - I would gladly hope it is the beginning of a more plantiful Harveft He has published a Short a mount of his Conversion - which mr Petahen will carry if he goes, I he introd to Sond this atter by him which makes me write in a hung as his motions are uncertain - it will Soon be known if there is Ropes of his Suocafe - - I have the plujure to Juform you that D' Bulganie hus got a Son - The mother moking a fine Murfe of that we carrest them (gad milling) in about a fortinght - This is a very Confortable Event -I lige gen mill not forget your fromds in gun prayers now that you are

· for Country - No distance of place can remove so from It im who in the Confidence of all the Ends of the Earth, of is not four from hong one of us - O that I felt this truth in Such a manner as to have In Juffrence upon all My thoughts words & actions -I have little new to mite for Justinedien or amufant, while tokes up the altention, & is the fundation of much Speculation at propert is Calculate for none of these ands - Viz that Mr Morney of Bray len at the age of (above) 60 your - hur you of w. a Lady between 30 2 40 -d left bus verthy Lad to moun for his objence, a his Sins - The is a very pieus good wi at prefaul will find ufe for the Encorache all Plinition Virtues She were have the prayer of Many good people in her Ling war toging Situation, he has feo, 000 a year - & left a letter for the mine of the Porish to bid him take one & Comfart Lady Katherine - for Church Hours I have it all to gr Arrellan to Communicate, of for State news I don't Jutorfere with it Shale he god to find that the Treflet " with you Stand their grown - I Saypote offer gen are Settled you will find time to write to old friend; of will some times find provate hands coming in Cafe gen have any panyhlet, or Porcel - I think much of gour uniting to the So Soon My Land Joins

all his formity in best respects to you - If Poterkin go out, I hope you will show him Some favour. I'm permeaded that he is a very Sorious good Man - This is all I can give you at prefent. We are all The sell the to week to protection is anylow to what let is up the of the grain the formed many the of the forther is forther in the forther the said of the was the the min was of good the see to be alleged attage at the and that for an all the a Ine 3 153 I had anothe leg at the Emeral of fright lister where has been as the Market in the fill of the second of the se Comfort Lang Hathering a for the much as you left us, which is a Singular Mercy - My best respects to Miss n-the hus not get forgot montrofe - Believe me with much Estern your H: Servi W.I: myt 8th 85 Joine miting I have got Some hopes that Form mr Deterkin will be provided - If he is it will be very remarkable

[Scotland, Aug. 8, 1785]

Dr. Sir

I am much indebted to you for writing to me so soon after yr arrival, & acquainting me of your safe Landing on the American shore. you give me a very distinct account of your voyage, your sons dangerous illness would divert your fear for one week, tho' I dare say you had many awfull alarms, & your poor Wife would be in great distress. I don't know how it has been with you as to the article of heat, but we have seen no such warm summer for 20 or 30 years. a great deal of thunder & Lightning on Tuesday the 26 which had been universal, at least we have heard of its effects E. W. South & North

I rejoice that you found the worthy Doctor in Comfortable Circumstance I shall never be Indifferent concerning him, He gained My good opinion in his early days, & has done much to confirm it, I never think of him but with affection, My not writing to him is not a mark of my want of Esteem; but that the Subject which still presents itself to my mind, when I attempt to write to him, (which I have done often,) is too tender. He has a feeling heart! I wish you had told me if the box directed for

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him which followed you to Glasgow with Mr. Lake; was arrived safe.

When you write let Me know about his family, & also about your fellow voyager Mr. Ransom; If he has got any thing in a settled way? poor Peterkin has waited sometime for a ship, & in the mourn Mr Gibson W. Kirk is dead who was Chaplain of Sterling Castle, & Mr. P. has applied for that small living, if he succeeds it will prevent his leaving his poor family, who will be in a very poor way if he is obliged to leave them. Your Glasgow correspondents will write you abt. a Jew that has been preaching there, & in Edn. I would gladly hope it is the beginning of a more plentiful Harvest He has published a short account of his conversion, which Mr. Peterkin will carry if he goes, I intend to send this letter by him which makes me write in a hurry as his motions are uncertain. it will soon be known if there is hopes of his success... I have the pleasure to inform you that Ld. Bolgonie has got a Son. The Mother making a fine Nurse, & that we expect them (God willing) in about a fortnight. This is a very comfortable event. I hope you will not forget your friends in your prayers now that you are in a

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far country. No distance of place can remove us from Him who is the Confidence of all the Ends of the Earth, & is not far from any one of us. O that I felt this truth in such a manner as to have due Influence upon all My thoughts words & actions.

I know little now to write for <u>Distraction</u>, or <u>amusement</u>, what takes up the attention, & is the foundation of much speculation at present is comfortable for none of these ends; Viz that your memory of [two words illegible] at the age of (above) 60 year- has gone of wt a Lady between 30 & 40, & left his worthy Lady to mourn for his absence, & his sins. She is a very

pious good w[page torn] at present will find use for the Encrease all Christian Virtues. She will have the prayers of many good people in her singular trying Situation, he has £10,000 a year, & left a letter for the Minr. of the Parish, to bid him take care & comfort Lady Katherine. for Church News I have it all to yr Brethren to Communicate, & for State news I don't Interfere with it; Shall be glad to find that the Presbtn. with you stand thus governed. I suppose after you are settled you will find time to write to old friends; & will sometimes find private hands coming in case you have any pamphlet, or parcel. I think much of your writing to me soon. My Lord joins

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all his family in best respects to you. If Peterkin go out, I hope you will show him some favor; I'm persuaded that he is a very serious good man. This is all I can give you at present. We are all much as you left us, which is a singular mercy. My best respects to Mrs. N. She has not yet forgot Montrose. Believe me with much Esteem

your H. Sevt.

W.L.

Augt. 8th 85

Since writing I have got some hopes that poor Mr. Peterkin will be provided. If he is it will be very remarkable

M.A. huft 25 186. Just when I was medetating a letter to you gun of June 24th cume to hand, had I been in good houth would not have been So long of ack new boging gar letter nitheast a date with I received about 3 or 4 wich ago - It filled me with Much Surprize Confidency it formed ale productor, I that we had long locked for you 2 daily Expected your arrival on the Scotth Court - I had heard Surmiter but none of them appeared Such as could be depended upon tell I had it from you own hund - Most night fully your freinds were expecting you as the pupile at mentrofe high the Ph: Vacant till your not carring was alwest certain, but perhaps you did not know of this - Town founds that withed you to Stay perhaps we not mention it, of it was not generally known - I trust that you have been directed to whoh was beft of most for premeting that Interest which you with to Succeed - Sorry to find your health has again been affected in the hot werther of thet your formity are Suffering by it - . . Shall be glad to Learn that you are all bother - a other particular Conserving them - much obliged to you for writing me to portuntarly comming the State of religion -

I far you are prejudeed of therefore do not to all the justice to the Muthoderh that Many ofene who go under that designation, - you have they were obsery in the parties - mr Whit to, orthodox in long juint, I Although mr Westleys are not So get I am pormeaded they have done a great deal of good, in references the Liver & manners of though and Hat Mr Weithy has been Countenared in him endefatiguta Loberen by his Divine Marter - To him, deading to his View, he has been a faithfull Sowant for yo your the is now near go Still active of ingovern & anxions by concerned I truly be have, to do the will of his howeverly Fother, - Shows be glad to Lower Something more particular concerning the Shokers being intively egnovant about them - I will be much obliged to you for writing frequently - In Sure yer will hear much good of Mr Whiteful A Still find Some of his Disiples making a good figure - it is always a phofore to me to hour any thing to his procife - Yould have been perhaps before this reaches you, of the great lofe that the thurch & people of god have made by the Death of the preceive Ludy of lenerty - I doubt we Shall never der her Like again - but the Sobject is too copiers I mit only give you the text, which you can enlarge upon better then I -

hur felt only the Sovene of an imsigned Will, in which She introded to Level 5'000 to the Society for propogating I im knowledge in South 2 as much for prions uses in Eng D, it is not get ascortained whither on not Lady Sutter !? I her Hort, will fulfill her Intentions but I Shald Soppose is not to be dovoled - There is a good deal more for pions ofer - . In I suppose you get Scotch M: prepos to Shiladaly; I and not write Occuranes, many strange things daily fall out - we hour of much Einly of lette good, Muy a hoppy revert Soon to be place - Shall we Eur See the unhoppy devision between Am: 3 how mother mude up again? That breach which was g in the lange of So many Eit, Repaired ? I and pormaded that both parties of be happing of more affect! Then Ever Alar I pride that bufy Son Stands in the brouch over industrious to widen it - O that Mon were tripe in Let me know if it is time that Do With corpoon has given, the Presidentship dem demen glad to find that mr Thom. is alove & well, we how that he was dond - Its I have an apportunity of Sonding this free 2 Sofe - I hurton to conclude - I hope our worthy friend 5. Frash: 3 family centime well of Loppy - I had a Kind Wer from him lotily which give me very great plufure - had I been well I not have wrote

an Anfr before new -of home Sometimes been on the point of Doing it had prevented - My best respects of wisher over attend him of all his Concerns all this family define to be hindly remembered you of the worthy Doctor I har am with Esternoge D. Sor, your H: Sont Wit: of a med of se Kustert eg Dre Rush Milndelphin John ! Shoken Dr. Chuse one of the come any leven Let me how how mor monroe is doing is

Dr. Sir

Just when I was meditating a letter to you, yours of June 24th came to hand, had I been in good health would not have been so long of acknowledging your letter without a date wch. I received about 3 or 4 weeks ago. It filled me with much surprise considering its immediate predecessor, & that we had long looked for you & daily Expected your arrival on the Scotch Coast. I had heard surmises but none often appeared such as could be depended upon, till I had it from your own hand. Most wishfully your friends were expecting you as the people as Montrose kept the Ch. Vacant till your not coming was almost certain, but perhaps you did not know of this. Your friends that wished you to stay perhaps wd. not mention it, & it was not generally known. I trust that you have been directed to what was best, & most for promoting that Interest which you wish to succeed. Sorry to find your health has again been affected in the hot weather, & that your family are suffering by it...shall be glad to learn that you are all better, & other particulars concerning them. much obliged to you for writing me so particularly concerning the state of religion.

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I fear you are prejudiced & therefore do not do all the justice to the Methodists that many observe who go under that designation; you know they were always in two parties- Mr. Whitfd., Orthodox in Every point, & Although some of Mr. Westley's are not so; yet I am persuaded they have done a great deal of good, in reforming the Lives, & manners of thousd, and that Mr. Westley has been countenanced in his indefatigable Labours by his divine Marter. To him, According to his Vision, he has been a faithful Servant for 70 years he is now near 90, Still active & vigorous & anxiously concerned I truly believe, to do the will of his heavenly father; should be glad to learn something more particular concerning the Shakers being entirely ignorant about them. I will be much obliged to you for writing frequently. I'm sure you will hear much good of Mr. Whitfd. & still find some of his Disciples making a good figure, it is always a pleasure for me to hear any thing to his praise. Youll have heard perhaps before this reaches you, of the great loss that the Church & people of God have made by the death of the precious Lady Glenerely. I doubt we shall never see her like again. but the subject is too Copious. I must only give you the text, which you can enlarge upon better than I. She

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has left only the formal of an unsigned Will, in which she intended to leave £5,000 to the society for propagating Christian Knowledge in Scotld, & as much for pious uses in Engld; it is not yet ascertained whether or not Lady Sutherld & her husband will fulfill her intentions but I should suppose it not to be doubted. there is a good deal more for pious uses. As I suppose you get Scotch N. Papers to Philadelphia, I need not write occurrences, many strange things daily fall out. We hear of much evil, & little good, may a happy reverse soon take place. Shall we Ever See the unhappy devision between Am. & her mother made up again? That breach which was, & is, the Cause of So Many Evils, Repaired? I am persuaded that both parties would be happier & more affectt. than ever. Alas! pride that defy Him, stands in the breach ever industrious to

widen it. O! that Men were wise! Let me know if it is time that Dr. Witherspoon has given up the Presidentship &tc &tc I'm glad to find that Mr. Thomn is alive & well, we heard that he was dead. As I have an opportunity of sending this free & safe, I hasten to conclude. I hope our worthy friend Dr. Rush & family continue well & happy. I had a kind letter from him lately which gave me very great pleasure, had I been well I would have wrote

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an answer before now, & have sometimes been on the point of doing it but prevented. My best respects and wishes ever attend him & all his concerns. All this family desire to be kindly remembered to you & the Worthy Doctor I am ever with Esteem Dr. Sir,

your H. Servt.

W.L.

Let Me know how Mr. Munroe is doing.

The' I am distreped with Sore Ega I have taken a large that of poper in Cafe I find whereithal to cover it, It is with regrate that I reflect here boy it is Since I had yours of Des V. 25th - Mot aupaing it premadentaly in the reason of the Dolary - for a variety of Osoprop mous me negation many the Justing which this out of my mind, - In Jorry that you have no botter now to write from your quarter outher with vegared to your even Situation, or the State of Theligier among you, shall be glad to have wholyaw great Separtation have recend from the new portetation detily adopted . When I mentioned a possibility of a young Mans being fitter (I Swely I to nded to Lay) to Combate, not Comply, with the proposies of the people for in many respects indeed this Might be much agt a mans phuraster, in all Everyoney a Stendy perfor in the fitters, as Sinfull Complyaners are always attended with bad Confagnances, The in other mother it is often newporm, of winning to afe gentle means - I am very Sorry that Di & & you are upon bad turn, I Should think it very disagreeble & a doft to both, It is matter of deep regret to be Informed of such a warfall Thurze to the worfe, as Donarisa in General hus undergone of Late; I once bother upon as the most highly forward former of the Enth, in many respects, but Chifly with regard to obligion - When the Lind honemed Mr

Whilef to be a Lowding man among them in many planen, religion Thornhed, & increofed, - He had no bye Voin on Ends, - the Glang of End, I the good of South were the Sping of all his movem to . The war Tid much hurt, turned the people De, a for of fick of God, 2 tony.
Thing but diberty - of I doubt it hus been a fold Liberty - very Different from that of the childer of Light . .. Foor Mr Thomfor somes in a very poor stantien, It is Several months Since he come & Brothin, Le is seen in Dandee, He discuber his litreation to have been muft affecting - The people rendered unorble to pay his stoped from Powerty, other from want of with - The many he survived out himing eld his amounty, he bought Land with it, of which he could make nothing, I was obliged to Slip away even without the power wife - who staid as a hoffage - Thope the pupile of Dander man to Varve him in Some Shope or other, he loss had a Sore time of it - There is nothing to with from this Country but what you with get in M: paper, & mayor your - a great deal about the Sanday Schools, - a refunction of mornon which by the bliping of God! I hope will have a good Effect - The fermer hur alveridy hind wonderfull Effects in dange trading Tenns Especially, both in Scotte of England, - your frends about glorger du and tell you much about this - I thought I'm gillen a you so and Coraponded; Swely Dr. Withropoens of He Congrandon He is always very bury about Something, & will be to the facility his faculy remain - I beg to be rembered to Dr We when you See him

I regretted not soing him when in Scote Im thoughted that you Luy nothing of your own family - I hope your Son his got free of all Jon ped in his Sight of doing as you would with him - I find by a litter from mr mais that was at bounded that he is gone to now york, of this Br N: w Inform you as He writer a Short preface to a face Sommon he has put : linked - the price of which by the time it reached me a Single Vol! Cost 19th a 2? he had thought loft by Soul it by post- whereen in a Ship it we only be a triffle it any thing - He is a pieur good man I am good 2. 2 - if the after where he now is - The married too young which is no bury matter he does not montain of he has any phild " - I Should be glad to know have he is received or of in any Sittled way - Im glad he is under the textion of Dr. Rogers to whom he defines me to direct for him - I Should be glid to know how you a formily keep your hould - have you Laid of it all thought of returning to your notice Land - I Somewally with you a Loggy - You have Imbibed a bad Don of the methodish Since gon would abroad - there are good, of bad in all Sect, a purty, - get stronge, that one who Town knew that high by favoured Sains, Mr g: 11, - Should hurborn a doubt that the Lord was with him of a truth - & familion arend his Lobours more then any Mans Since the exportler days, of at this moment I done to Juy, the the best people in amarica, are plants of the precion Seed Some in his time, - It hurts me to ford you Speak Lightly of the method with in goul - The good that Seme of them have been Enabled to do is most amaging on It is no wender that Satorn Lug Snews ag! thom \_ but My payers is new a Close of also my Eyes - I dove not Lord any pamph lets they am so down - I will try to get this letter dand a parmyweath - I four at beft you will think it a poor one - If I know of any papers or family, gen with it to he of I and mostion than - Mor martins all well - as are all this farming project & object So for an I know - remember us in your prayers go reason have we to Say - this the Land is good of Graicous - My Lord Son

his beft respects give mine to men Wishet - How wented she the boome back to mentrofe - with much Estern I am Sin gow H: Sert M.L. Any 1st 1788 and in the water of an order The state of the Page 8.84 ; 500 的) Roay union

Dr. Sir

Tho' I am distressed with Sore Eyes I have taken a large sheet of paper in case I find wherewithal to cover it. It is with regret that I reflect how long it is since I had yours of Decr. 25th. Not answering it Immediately is the reason of the Delay, for a variety of business makes me neglect many necessary duties which fly out of my mind. I'm sorry that you have no better news to write from your quarter either with regard to your own situation, or the state of religion among you, shall be glad to hear what your great Expectations have received from the new Constitution lately adopted. When I mentioned a possibility of a young man being fitter – (I Surely Intended to say) to combat, not comply, with the prejudices of the people; for in many respects indeed, this might be much agst. a mans character, in all earnestness a steady person is the fittest, as Sinfull compliances are always attended with bad conveyances, Tho' in other matter it is often necessary, & winning to use gentle means. I am very sorry that Dr. R. & you are upon bad terms; I should think it very disagreeable, & a Loss to both. It is matter of deep regret to be informed of such a woefull change to the worse, as America in general has undergone of Late; I once looked upon it as the most highly favoured comer of the Earth in many respects, but chiefly with regard to religion. When the Lord renewed Mr.

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Whitfd. to be a Leading man among them in many places, religion flourished, & increased; He had no bye, an Ends; the Glory of God, & the good of Sorts were the Spring of all his movemt. The war never did much hurt, turned the people Idle, & forgetfull of God, & everything but Liberty, formerly so called, & I doubt it has been Liberty. very Different from that of the Childn of Light... Poor Mr. Thomsom arrived in a very poor situation, It is several months since he came to retain, he is now in Dundee; He describes his situation to have been most affecting some of the people rendered unable to pay his stipend from Poverty, often from want of will. The money he carried out, having sold his animals, he bought Land with it, of which he could make nothing, & was obliged to step away even without the poor wife- who staid as a hostage I fear. I hope the people of Dundee mean to serve him in some shape or other, he has had a sore time of it. There is nothing to write from this country but what you will get in the N. Papers, & magazines. a great deal about the Sunday Schools; & reformations of Mormon which by the blessing of God! I hope will have a good Effect. The former has already had wonderfull Effects in large trading Times, Especially, both in Scotld & England; Your friends about Glasgow could tell you much about this. I thought Dr. Gillan & you corresponded; Surely Dr. Witherspoon & He correspond; He is always very busy about something, & will be to the last if his faculty remains. I beg to be remembered to Dr. W. when you see him

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I regretted not seeing him when in Scotld. Im surprised that you say nothing of your own family. I hope your son has got free of all impediments in his sights & doing as you would wish him. I find by a letter from Mr. Mair that was at Bermuda that he is gone to New York, of this Dr. N., and inform you as he writes a short preface to a few sermons he has published, the price of which

by the time it reached me a single Vol. cost 19sh and 2d he had thought cheaply sent it by post, whereas in a ship it would only be a trifle, if anything. He is a pious good man I am [3 or 4] words illegible] where he now is. He married too young which is no easy matter, he does not maintain if he has any Childn. I should be glad to know how he is received or in any settled way. I'm glad he is under the tuition of Dr. Rogers to whom he desires me to direct for him. I should be glad to know how you & family keep your health. have you laid aside all thoughts of returning to you native Land. I surely wish you are happy. You have Imbibed a bad Idea of the Methodists since you went abroad. There are good, & bad in all sects, & parties; yet strange, that one who ever knows that highly favoured Saint, Mr. G. Wd. should harbour a doubt that the Lord was with him of a truth-, & Countenanced his Labours more than any other man since the Apostles days, & at this moment I dare to say that the best people in America, are plants of the precious seed sown in his time. It hurts me to find you speak lightly of the Methodists in gov't. The good that some of them have been Enabled to do is most amazing! It is no wonder that Satan lay snares agt them. but My paper is near a close & also my eyes. I dare not send any pamphlets they are so dear. I will try to get this better sent a pennyworth, I fear at best you will think it a poor one. If I know any persons, or familys, you wished to hear of I wd mention them. Mr Martins all well, as are all this family present & absent so far as I know. remember us in your prayers good reason have we to say, this the Lord! is good & Gracious. My Lord sends

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his best respects give mine to Mrs Nisbet. How would she like to come back to Montrose. With much esteem I am sir

Your H. Sert.

W.L.

Augt 1st 1788