To His Excellency

Mr Dickinson Governor
of the State of Pensilvania
with a Pamphlet Philadelphia
per favour of Dr Nisbet

Edinburgh 31 March 1785

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Dr Pisbet who will deliver this, has for many years been one of my dearest & most intimate friends. The thoughts of bidding him adieu forever, would dispirit me greatly, was it not that I flatter myself his abilities, integrity & attachment to the American states, will render him much more useful as head of the College founded by your excellency, than he could have been at Montrose: & that the consequences of his leaving Scotland, will be as happy to him & his family, as such a seperation from one so dear to me is grievous to me.

May your excellency long enjoy all the comforts, which true religion, domestic happiness, the prosperity of Pensilvania & her sister states, & the flourishing of Dickinson college can afford you! & may a friendship, never more to be dissolved soon commence between the states, & their mother country. I am, May it please your excellency

Tomorrow Yr obedt humble Servt John Erskine

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