

Lettre a Monsieur Gardine le jeune, a Leatherhead

Monsieur

Leatherhead, Août 31. 1811

Ayant depêché ma lettre a mon ami, selon
votre requête je vous en redonne la copie, avec qui vous avez
eu la bonté de me favoriser. Je vous en rends beaucoup de
graces, mais je suis fâché qu'il n'ait pas été dans mon pouvoir
me servir du tout, faute d'espace m'obligeant l'abréger, ce
pendant j'en ai retenu les parts principales et j'espère qu'il
aura l'effet, de lui causer reflexion, de lui faire sensible de
ses erreurs et de lui faire en future plus garde en son
langue et en ses expressions et de lui avertir contre la
temerité et la vanité de la jeunesse. - Particulièrement
comme il n'a pas été accoutumé d'avoir ses lettres criti-
tiquées si habilement ni ses arguments réfutés si inge-
nument, au contraire il a été regardé comme un prodige
ses sentimens sacrés comme l'Évangile, et conséquem-
ment rarement contredit. Car des petits genies comme
moumeme sont éblouis de tout ce qui brille parceque
tout est nouveau pour eux, mais des grands genies
que vous n'admirez que peu de choses, parceque peu de
choses leur paroissent nouvelles.

Permettez moi vous souvenir de ce qui passa entre vous
et moi Dimanche dernière touchant la methode de predicar-
tion poursuivie par des ministres differents, que je condamnai
ceux qui attaquent tout ce qui est tort, que ne font que des
invenctions contre la mechanceté de la nature humaine

qui font usage de telle langue et de telles expressions que me
serviraient que de mener des personnes sages et de bon sens
au desespoir, sans donner aucun rayon d'esperance, et sans
proposant aucun de moyens leur pourvoir, par qui, ils
peuvent esperer d'être sauvés. - Et sur l'autre côté, combien
est la methode plus admirable de ceux qui encouragent
leurs auditeurs en leur conduite chrestienne, qui les chérisent
et les conseillent a tout ce qui est bon et digne de louange
a la du Seigneur et qui emploient tous leurs efforts a établir
leur foi et leur esperance en Jesus Christ. Il n'est que
le dernier sort qui engageront l'amour et l'attention
de leurs auditeurs, et sans ou l'un ou l'autre, il n'y a que
peu de hazard d'aucun avantage spirituel étant derivé
de leurs sermons.

Je me souviens parfaitement, ce qui fut votre opinion
a ce tems (Dimanche je veut dire) si je ne vous ai pas
compris, vous semblates opposer ce qui je dis. Cependant,
souffrez moi vous remettre au part dernier de votre epître
a mon amis, qui en lisant aujourd'hui je trouve
que ceux sont vos sentiments propres.

Croyez moi

Monsieur

Votre serviteur tres obligé

J. M. Hudson

On Board the Inverness from a Cruise off the Coast
of Spitzbergen, Aug. 5, 1812.

Dear Father

I am now so far returned from my peregrina-
tion to the North as to afford me the pleasing hope of soon
hearing from you and finding you my mother and all the
family in perfect health. - As I now consider myself within
the verge of the Kingdom called Great Britain I write this to send
away the first opportunity that offers to inform you of my arrival
in high good health and spirits, perhaps we may fall in
with some fishing cobbles along the coast by which I may
convey the important intelligence before I get to London.

I like the sea extremely well upon the whole, but I make
a very poor sailor, the least puff of wind turns me sick directly,
but Greenland was much in my favor in that respect, for a-
mongst Ice the Sea is quite smooth.

By my letter from Shetland you were informed of our
arrival there on the 2nd of April, we were detained there by
contrary winds till the 19th - by the 3rd of May we reached the sea
but a very strong gale which lasted some days then coming on
drove us a long way to the Southward again and we did not regain
the Sea till the 10th of May. - The season I understand has
been later this year than in general. - we have made but a
middling voyage of it, neither very good nor miserably bad.
14 Whales & one Unicorn is our complement. - I cannot say
but that I am much gratified, if not enlightened by my
visit to those parts. - The manner of catching the Whales requires
a deal of skill dexterity & courage and is very entertaining, but the
method of preparing them for future use is a nasty disagreeable process.

The whale is no doubt a very immense animal, but it hardly corresponds with the Idea I had formed of it. though perfectly harmless in themselves they frequently do a deal of mischief to their tormentors, but it is more by accident than design. - They bring forth one or two at a time and suckle their young the same manner as any Quadruped. - they are very affectionate to their offspring and carry them under their fin or upon their back. They are entirely black except when grey or grey spotted with age, their size prevents them being very handsome. - but their worth is great - a full grown whale will produce Oil to the value of from 500 to 1000 Pounds. - There is another species of Whale larger than that I have been describing, which are usually called Razor Backs, they are of an enormous length & great strength and so formidable that they are seldom struck.

The Umceon is a pretty fish and is met with in great plenty in those Seas. they are pretty large, of various colours & spotted like the leopard. - In the middle of the forehead of the Male grows a beautiful spiral Horn, it is Ivory and measures from 6 to 10 feet in length. - The next most common Aquatic Animals are Seals which are there very numerous.

There are also Sea Horses of which it is said. That if one is wounded, hundreds immediately attack the Boat and sink it by striking their tusks through it. - White Bears roam about on the Ice and there are Birds innumerable.

The Frozen Ocean or Ice Sea is a grand & sublime object, to describe it exceeds my abilities, but it would afford excellent subject for both the Painter and Poet.

I have not been further North than between 70 & 79 degrees, the weather was in general clear & pleasant & so far from being

cold, that I rarely had occasion to wear a great Coat. You will know the circumstance and the reason of it; but on my account of that Country, I cannot help mentioning among the remarkable - the perpetual day light which surrounds the Pole at this season of the year. - The Sun never reaches the Horizon and when the weather is clear, shines with equal brightness all the 24 hours round for days together.

I have seen but little of the land of Spitzbergen and that at a considerable distance, however it exhibits a confused mass of lofty rugged mountains, their tops black & bare but the valleys eternally covered with snow. - I have heard that there have been Russian convicts transported here, but whether there are any human beings on it at present, is not known.

A circumstance which I thought & believe is uncommon perhaps unknown before in that Country, I cannot omit taking notice of. - it was the shock of an Earthquake which we experienced in the month of July one fine evening about 9 o'clock. The Ship was observed to shake & tremble violently for about a minute or two accompanied with a hollow rumbling noise, the people in a Boat near the Ship felt it so forcibly that they could scarcely keep their seats. - we were then in the Lat: 70° N and distant from the land 60 or 70 miles.

On the 10th we turned our face towards home and on the 23^d bore away or left the Ice. - Favorable winds and weather attended us to Scotland, where we arrived on the 31st and anchored in the Harbour of Lerwick. Scotland is a poor country but very populous. - The inhabitants a lazy, greedy, dishonest, hypocritical set; they scuple at nothing when a bribe is held out to them. - I believe a husband would give up his wife & a Mother her

Daughter to be delatched if they can gain any thing by it, to be
be sure they are extremely poor and much afflicted by their
superiors, many of whom are very sick. - On the 3rd Instant
we sailed from Lerwick with a favorable breeze in company
with 7 Sail more. - at present we are off Aberdeen. -

I have only seen Mr Coulter twice in the County & that very
early in the Season but I heard a few days ago that he was well
& that they had got 20 Whales. - As I am at a loss how I am
to proceed when I get to London I wish for directions from you
as soon as possible. - and I expect a whole sheet of news. - how
you all are, how you have all been. all about Thomas & Elizabeth
and every thing relating to the family that you may think is
interesting to me. I have been promising myself a visit to An-
croft but unless you should wish it, I think it is only increas-
ing unnecessary expence & occasioning loss of time. & therefore
will willingly deny myself that gratification, though I could
half wish you to say. Come.

Don't fail when you write to mention Bradshaw Wallace, whether
you have seen him or heard from him and what is his opinion of me.

I hope nobody in your quarter has written to me at Leatherhead
as I made my intentions of going this voyage a secret & used a little
deception. I should not wish any thing respecting it to transpire.
I see no occasion for such mysteriousness in compliance with
Mr C's request. I am sorry to confess I have sometimes had to say
No, where Yes would have sounded more to my own credit and
satisfaction. I was very lucky in falling in with this Ship
I have been as comfortable as circumstances would admit. -
Capt. Potts tho' a man whose manners & principles I don't much
admire, has always behaved to me with the greatest respect.

I now begin to think every hour a day and every day a week
all my dear mother shall be certain I am no more exposed to the
pleasures (not the dangers) of the sea.

My kindest love to all the family, and again my dear father
I am happy in subscribing myself

Your affectionate Son
J. M. Hudspeth.

To Mr. Jones, Surgeon &c Finsbury Square

Mr Jones

Sept. 3rd 1812

Sir
I beg pardon for intruding myself again on your notice
but as I understand you have not yet suited yourself with an assistant
I take this liberty, you have already seen me & objected to me on account
of my youth, being 20. - But as I have lived in London with a gen-
tleman of extensive practice and since in the Country where I kept
the Books wrote all the Bills, visited Patients & practised a little in
Midwifery; I am confident that I am fully capable of acting in
any capacity you might wish to place me.

The Gentleman at the Hall knows Mr Baker with whom I was
last and can inform you of his respectability if required. - From
Mr Baker I can have an unexceptionable character & who will
confirm what I have asserted above.

Should this be found worthy of your attention have the good-
ness to address a Note to me - 1 College Street so and I shall remain Sir

With the greatest respect

Your much obliged, humble Servant
J. M. Hudspeth.

To Mr. Baker - Surgeon - Leatherhead. Surrey
Mr. Baker
London Sept 14th 1812

Sir
I have to return my acknowledgements for the polite invitation I received from Mr. B. to visit Leatherhead, but I am sorry it is not in my power to accept of it. Since my return to London I have been looking for a situation where I might have it in my power to attend Lectures as it is not my wish to become an Hospital Pupil this winter. I have just met Dr. Haughton on Wednesday in the Morning, Surgical & Physiological Lectures in the evening, and perhaps if it can be made convenient, in the middle of the day to attend to Anatomy

Mr. Perry, the gentleman with whom I have engaged I believe will trouble you in the course of a day or two to enquire into my character - he has a very respectable practice & seems to know something about Mr. Wilson. he also has some knowledge of the Bones of Leatherhead.

Have the goodness to present my respects to Mr. Baker & to all Mr. Jardine's family & accept my warmest thanks for that comfort & happiness I enjoyed in your family, for which I shall ever remain grateful while I am able to subscribe myself - Sir

Your much Oblig^d Humble Serv^t
J. Mc. Hedgespeth

P.S. Pray Sir - have the goodness to remember me to Mr. Hart & I should be happy to hear from him if he will favor me with a letter. -

To Mr. W. Hart - Leatherhead. Surrey
Bromdsey, Dec 20. 1812

My dear young Friend
From my apparent neglect you will almost be thinking I have forgot you. I cannot however let slip the opportunity the Christmas Holidays offer of writing by your letters. I return you many thanks for your letter it gave me much pleasure; the improvement you seem to have made is very gratifying to me. I am also highly pleased to see you so happy. particularly so I am convinced you merit the attention Mr. M. B. shows you. I trust that now, since you have been left entirely to yourself you are convinced that the endeavours of a certain crabbed, ill natured fellow to break you up and learn you to be active in your physical duties, proceed from friendship alone & a heartfelt wish for your future welfare, I assure you I have always felt interested in your improvement and whatever may have appeared in your eyes the effect of illnature was on my side a strict sense of performing my duty. However by writing in this manner I do not by any means wish to reveal any thing that may appear unpleasant, but rather that such may be forgot by revising the picture on the fair side, and let me still advise you to make the most of your time now, the present is the seed time of your life, and as you sow now so shall you afterwards reap, it is a pity young people cannot see and avail themselves of advantages when in their power till they grow up & feel the want of them. I speak from experience I can look back now & view with regret the many hours I have spent in idleness or at least in quiet employment which might have been devoted to the attainment of useful knowledge. You have a good master you are amongst worthy people, continue to deserve their good opinion & I have no doubt but in due time you will attain that proficiency of which you are now become a Member.

You will expect to know something of my personal situation will then I am as comfortable as I possibly can be in a respectable

worthy family. I attend Lectures on Midwifery every morning & twice a week Lectures on Surgery & Physiology. I thought it better to let Anatomy alone altogether for the present for it would be impossible to pay proper attention to it, therefore it was well to keep my money in my pocket. Mr. has got a tolerable practice tho' not a great deal for London: we dont in general have more than 20 patients in the day, but Mr. Key is parish Surgeon, there is a large Workhouse containing between 3 & 400 people who are visited three times a week; on each of these days there may be 20 of them to dispense for, besides I have a few patients (Paupers) to see daily, so what with these writing my Lectures & Bills your may suppose my hands are completely filled; however as every thing goes on with regularity, I manage with perfect ease.

Your Master that was. Mr. Sharpe is very intimate with Mr. Key, we have him very often here, on one of these occasions your name was some how or other introduced & I asked him if he recollected you; he said, "was it that fine, pretty, sharp boy?" of course I answered in the affirmative; he said he recollected you very well and thinks you had not justice done you, for you ought to have been promoted half a year before you was. Mr. Key has a Son at Merchant Taylors School a very clever boy - he has also an only daughter, an amiable, accomplished young lady.

I have no news that can in any way be interesting to you, but am at present under the painful supposition that I have lost a Brother he went on a voyage to Sweden some months ago and the Ship has not since been heard of.

Write soon give me every particular every particle of news, relative to the affairs of Leatherhead. Have you got any addition to the name of Baker yet, or is there likely to be? I suppose Mr. Bickett soon emigrated after I came away? How does Dr. Sherrin go on? What accounts of Capt. Petheringham & Col. Stewart? How is your friend Mr. Wood & Mr. Bell? How are Mr. Gardiner's family?

and lastly I hope Mr. Baker, your own friends as well as yourself are all in perfect health. Present my respects to Mr. M^r B and believe me still your friend and wellwisher.

I. M. Huddesfeth.

Mr. Coulter sends his best Compts. to you - he has passed his examination at Surgeon's Hall.

To Capt. Potts, Greenland Dock

Alcock Place, Dec 20th 1813

My worthy Friend

It is with much pleasure I sit down to fulfil my promise of writing to you. - On account of my recent situation from all your connections I have never till very lately been able to ascertain whether or not you had gone to Aberdeen. I was not a little surprized but highly pleased to find you had at last ventured into that state in which I have always wished to see you & am extremely happy to hear your choice so much approved of by all who have seen her. I sincerely congratulate you on the occasion & with my best respects to Mr. P. I wish you both long & uninterrupted joy and mutual happiness. - I am glad to hear of the alterations that have taken place amongst you, but it would have given me more pleasure had I heard of you being changed also for the better, however if you always make as good a voyage as you have hitherto done in old Dutchy you will not do amiss.

As I have a very particular wish to go to Davis's Straits partly from curiosity and partly because it will suit me better than going to Greenland, if your brother is not engaged with a Surgeon I would thank you to mention me to him and if he has no objections you will let me know. You are sensible I bear you too much respect to leave you for another, but this being your own Brother I can venture to make the proposal without any disrespect to yourself.

I have yet another favor to ask, if it is not giving you too much trouble. I understand Capt Westwater is going to the Straits if he is not pre-engaged a friend of mine has a particular wish to go, and there is no one I could wish him to go with better than West. you know he is a favorite of mine. - Make my best respects to him the first opportunity. the gentleman I mention does not know any thing of my making this proposal, but if Capt. W is not engaged he shall call upon him. - I am certain I could not recommend him a more agreeable companion. I am sorry it is out of my power to do myself the pleasure of paying you a visit as I am always busy & live at such a distance, but I shall be able to see you in a little time. - I beg you will not fail to write to me as soon as you have seen Capt West and with best respects to your good lady and yourself believe me

Your friend and wellwisher
J. Mc. Hudsipeth

To the Rev. R. Roddart D.D. Princes Square, Rathcliff
Ascot Place Jan 17. 1813

Rev. Sir,

This is an utter stranger to you, from what I have heard of your character and abilities in the discharge of your sacred office I am sensible my present request will not be thought troublesome, and I am the more induced to apply to you Sir from your acquaintance with that class of men on whom I now wish you to bestow your attention. I need not enter into particulars, but merely inform you that I go as Surgeon in one of Mr. McNeil's Ships - and the favor I now beg of you is, that you would be kind enough to compose for me a few sermons or explanation of portions of Scripture as will be most applicable to

the habits and comprehensions of Sailors that I may read one to them occasionally on the Lords Day, as circumstances will admit, if it should do us other good, it will at least be engaging their attention for a little while on religious subjects and may serve to turn their thoughts from their pastimes & occupations on that day. If the thing meets your approbation I should be very happy to carry it into execution, perhaps an example only need to be set to be followed by others and surely out of the many hundreds that go to that country, some few there may be to whom the Gospel will prove the good seed sown in good ground. I should also beg you to subjoin a short form of prayer for the Sabbath day.

From the diffidence I have felt in addressing you I am afraid I have let the time run too short (there are yet nearly 2 Months) - should be intruding upon your convenience at that time, perhaps some friend at your request would be kind enough to do it. - I beg you will not mention the circumstance to any one at present. I have the honor to be
Sir. Yours Obed. Servant
J. Mc. Hudsipeth

In answer to the above D. Roddart recommended Bude's Village Sermons which he offered to send me.

From Mr. Baker Surgeon Leatherhead, Surrey. to J. Mc.
Leatherhead 1st Feb. 1813

Sir, Having some business of importance to communicate to you would be glad to see you in Leatherhead as soon as possible, from D. Roddart
George P. Baker

The reason I say as soon as possible is that if my proposals meet your approbation, I would wish you to attend the Hospital directly, the further particulars I will explain on seeing you.

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London Feb. 8th 1013

My dear Father,

Your letter of from the 20th to the 24th of Jan^{ry} came duly to hand & relieved me from much anxiety, from the length of time that had elapsed since I received your preceding letter I had begun to apprehend you were ill. You are now I am happy to hear at ease respecting Thomas, you know he is in life - but "in the midst of life we are in death" or in the midst of joy we are in grief" for the miserable condition in which Tho^s represents himself, exposed to the inclemency of a Northern winter too, still tends to raise fears and create alarm. However I am not so apt to look upon it in so bad a light; Tho^s has been ^{long} accustomed to hardships & therefore is more ready to pain things in the most gloomy manner; after a while he would become more resigned to his fate, & learn to think nothing of what had before seemed almost insupportable. thro' the direction & assist^{ance} of Mr. Scary I have been able to send him a little money he gave me an introduction to a friend of his a Russian Merchant who undertook to send it free of expence and warranted it to go safe. - Lest it should fall into improper hands when it got to him I thought a small sum would be best consequently I sent only 3^l. I hope even that will be sufficient to procure some warm clothing. For the greater security I directed it to his Captain. - Wilson writing with it a Note to the Capt requesting him to supply Tho^s with whatever necessaries he may stand in need of & you would gladly repay him twofold. - This little supply would have England on the 2nd of Feb^r. - it went by a Mail to Gottingen from thence overland to Carlsroon. - I hope the knowledge of this circumstance will afford my Mother and you some satisfaction.

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The time of setting out for the West India country if I do go is now so near approaching that I must necessarily say something on that subject I expected to have gone in a different and a better ship to a different port, but in this I have been disappointed & what adds to my chagrin I have since learnt that a young gentleman a nephew of the owner went in that Ship, & how agreeable it would have been to have had so respectable a companion; however I think it is all for the best for they are just about to sail, & what has recently occurred would have rendered it very inconvenient for me. Your apparent wish to publish any intentions, views, really vexes me and will tend to make me uncomfortable during the voyage. - I wish my voyage to be kept secret and I can't see what end it can serve to tell it.

My friend Mr. Bunter is now fairly away. by good management & economy he has been able to fit himself out by his own resources & to pay 45 ^l in advance for his Ship. There is every prospect of his getting full Surgeon next voyage and there is little doubt of his acquiring in time a respectable fortune. - I have begun too to turn my views towards India, how far they will be accomplished, too soon discover. -

I am now about to consult you on a subject of some little importance to me. - I a few days ago received a lacious Epistle from Mr. Baker requesting me to visit him at Leatherhead as soon as possible, accordingly I went on the 14th Inst^{nt} & found his business with me as follows: Mr. B. finds his practice increasing & is capable of being more extended if he could attend to it, but he finds it more than one person can do, he had thought of taking a partner but that resolution he has since abandoned & now proposes having a visiting Assistant to whom he would give a certain salary for a certain term of years and then take him into partnership; after this preliminary he told me that from my having lived with him some time his knowledge of my Steadiness & he thought it his duty to make the proposal to me first in preference to any other, that he wished

one to attend the Hospitals and Lectures directly which I have not
yet attended and in 3 months to go there; that if I was at all in
want of Money he would lend me whatever sum was required
and I could repay him at my own convenience. However I
was determined not to lay myself under any such obligation
to him, therefore made known my intention of going to Scotland
& that I would then have it in my power to complete the
rest of my education without having recourse to a friend for as-
sistance; and if he would have the goodness to wait till then
probably I should have no objections to come to an agreement
with him; but the spirit of contradiction entered so largely into
Mr Baker's composition, that I had to hear twenty objections
made, I knew him too well to give in, & at last he agreed to it.
He wished to know what salary I should expect, but I declined
making a hasty proposal, preferring rather to hear what were
his plans & I could either reject or agree to them as I thought
proper, here it lasted for the night - we retired to Bed. Mr
& Mrs B. after holding a consultation in state, delivered to me
the result of their deliberations in the morning as follows:
He would give me 40 Guineas a year for 10 years, at the end of
that period a Quarter part of the profits of his business
without a premium. - His business upon an average
is worth 1200 a year. - I declined giving any decisive
answer, until I had considered given it some consideration
and received your opinion. Now Mr Baker's proposal is
so extravagant that without other views it has my de-
cided rejection; but the question is, whether will it be better
to accept of Mr Baker's terms and trust to chance or fortune to
turn up something to my advantage, or not to trust at all
to the fickle Goddess. The only circumstances likely to favor me
are - first from Mr Baker's changeable disposition he may take
it into his head to leave Leatherhead in calamities such as his
Death or the Death of some Surgeon in the neighbourhood

affording me an opening - lastly is there any probability of my being
able to purchase a larger share of the business sooner than the proposed
years of servitude. - I merely mention these as thoughts that pass
in my mind, I have no inclination I assure you to try my luck.

I shall now mention what I have been thinking to propose
to Mr B. viz - to have for the first 3 years 40 Guineas, for 3 years more
50 & at the end of 10 years a share of the business, say a 1/5th to be in-
creased at the end of 10 years. - If Mr Baker will not agree to this I will
drop all negotiation with him & wait till something better falls in my way.
You will see the expediency of answering this letter immediately
as I shall wait for your opinion before I proceed any farther. My
love to all the family & I remain Dear Father,

Your affectionate Son
J. McHudspeth

To Mr Baker, Surgeon. Leatherhead. Surrey.

Bermondsey, Feb^r 20th 1813

Sir,
I have just received a letter from Mr Hart relative to
some Leeches Miss Shubrick had. I cannot be particular as to
time nor the number she got, but with regard to the money paid
I am very certain they were never paid for. I remember writing you
the Bill last year, as far as I can recollect the incidents connected
with that circumstance. - she first called in the carriage & sent the
servant in for two or three Leeches which were paid for, and she enquired
if she could have some whenever she wanted any, so afterwards she
sent a Note wanting a good many, & shortly after another Note
for a still greater quantity, in the one she called herself Miss, in
the other Mr. Shubrick, the last one was written with red Ink. I
am not certain whether she did not at one time send the Money to
pay for them, but I would not make any charge you being the
Owner of the horse I cannot be positive &c.

18 With respect to the proposal you was kind enough to make to me, I am very sorry you should have waited so long for my answer. - When I heard your offer I found I could not agree to such terms, but thought it right to mention the subject to my father before I told you my determination. - I have received my father's letter and find his opinion coincides nearly with my own. - Nothing I assure you would give me more pleasure than to have it in my power to be of service to you in any respect without sacrificing my own interests; but the prospect your offer affords in the present instance is so dismal that no person of any talents whatever, or who has the smallest prospect of ever succeeding in the world, could possibly think of accepting of it. I mean with regard to the length of servitude you require to be performed before allowing any adequate compensation. - In entering into an agreement of this kind, I should in a manner be shutting myself out from the world and turning my back to every other prospect. - whereas with my present Dear B should be ashamed I think, if in 3 years after this, I am not able to gain a respectable livelihood. - Tho' my expectations may not be so great as some, I am not destitute of friends who have it in their power either directly or through interest to assist me, neither need I be destitute of pecuniary resources, but I possess a kind of independent spirit or perhaps it may be pride. - a disposition I cannot help, which prevents me laying myself under obligations to any one, not even my own father, while there is a prospect of getting forward by my own exertions. - It would be needless to enter into a discussion of the several arguments which the subject in question calls forth in my mind; one moment's reflection will I am certain convince you how ridiculous it would be for me to sell 10 years of the best part of my life at so low a rate. I again repeat my

thanks for the goodness of your intention, in making this offer to me, but am very sorry it should have been such that I could not accept it. I dare say you see the matter in a different light now, tho' at the time you might not have reflected either on the expediency or justice of it, therefore I am confident that you will not think the following proposal of mine at all unreasonable. - it is, that for the first 5 years, I should have the salary you mention, viz 40 guineas a year & at the end of 5 years be admitted to a $\frac{1}{4}$ share of the Business, & at the end of 10 years have a further increase. - This is all I should require at present and allowing that your business as it stands at present is capable of being still further increased, it appears to me that you would be a loser by such an agreement; however of this you are best adequate to judge. - Whatever is agreed upon I think things may be so arranged that by the consent of both parties any alteration may take place which circumstances may require for in the evolution of a number of years many things may occur to render such changes desirable. - I shall be glad to hear from you Sir, as soon as convenient, whether you are disposed to accede to those terms. - From the high esteem in which I have ever held your family nothing would give me more pleasure than to be amissably settled at Leatherhead, but as I conceived this to be an arrangement for life, you will excuse me for expressing my mind in so plain a manner.

With best respects to Mr Baker, I remain, Sir,

Your very respectful

And Obliged Humble Servant
J. M. Hudspeth.

From Mr. Baker to Mr. Hudspeth -

Leatherhead, 23rd Feb. 1813

Sir,

Yours of the 20th Ult. came duly to hand. I would with pleasure do any thing in my power that might be of service to you, but could not think of agreeing to your proposals, when I shall have the pleasure of seeing you here I will talk more on the subject. Mr. B. joins in best wishes for you with Sir.

Your most Obed^t

George T. Baker

To Mr. Hudspeth, Ancoft.

On Board the Inverness at Shetland
April 4th 1813

My dear father & Mother,

I am very unfortunate in being deprived the pleasure of hearing from you before I left England, but from the unsettled state in which I then was, it was unavoidable it did not occur to me to desire you to write to Shetland. - My letter from Gravesend was written in the midst of noise & confusion & I so fatigued I was almost incapable for any thing, for I had travelled 40 Miles that day so that I doubt it was neither one thing nor another. - It would be needless now to make any observations respecting your advice in this affair with Mr. Baker, since my own proposal was not agreed to. - I need hardly say that I have laid aside all ideas of forming any connection with him. - Mr. Storey - a very different character I have parted with on the most friendly terms. - he behaved very handsomely when I received my salary, paid me some fine compliments, & proffered his assistance if ever he could be of any use to me & kindly invited me to

visit them whenever I was in London. - We left the Thames on the 26th of March and after a passage of only 5 days we were in the Latitude of Shetland, but by some mismanagement we got past our Port with a fair wind, so that when we put about it was right against us & it was not till after 3 days hard beating in most tempestuous weather, that we were able to get into the Harbour. - By the bye I have become a tolerable good Sailor, having suffered inconsiderably from Seasickness this outlet. - I have been very fortunate in having a pleasant companion this far, a Mr. Scott a Naval Surgeon came passenger with us. he is warmly attached to this his native country & a great admirer of the Fair Sex. - I should have visited the family but did not wish to intrude as they are absorbed in grief for the untimely end of a Son & Brother. you probably have read of the loss of the *Devas*, off Aberdeen by which 16 Passengers all of the most respectable people of this town and Island, a melancholy loss for so small a place.

I have been very little on shore; I have no wish to form or keep up an acquaintance with any of my Esculapian Brethren here, I find more disgust than pleasure from the society of the Town-folks, for this is their money harvest, & which ever way one turns he is accosted by beggars of all descriptions, for from the highest to the lowest beg, and the Beggars of Quality differ from the lower orders in being more importunate, and barefaced. - and if you give to them you must give freely whereas you can part the others off with a Mite. - This covetous disposition prevails chiefly in Lerwick and its vicinity. the Country people are in general kind, hospitable, contented, and modest. It is said the Islands abound in Witches which I firmly believe, for I have seen many that answer the description I have some where read of them. "Witches are women, which be commonly old, lame, blear eyed, pale, foul and full of wrinkles, poor, sullen, & superstitious in whose drowsy minds the devil hath got a fine seat. They are lean and deformed, shewing melancholy in their faces to the honor of all that see them, and not much

depending from those that are thought to be possessors of spirits. They
meet the Devil at appointed places where they fall a dancing
and singing of Bawdy songs, wherein the Devil leadeth the dance
himself, which dance and other conferences being ended he supplieth
their wants of Powders and Rosts to intoxicate withall, and giveth to every
"Novice a smack either with his teeth or his claws, & so they kip the Devils
"bare buttocks and depart. At these assemblies the witches sing "Hear
"har, devil, devil, dance here, play here, sabbath, sabbath, and
"while they sing and dance every one hath a broom in her hand
"holdeeth it up aloft &c."

The country is rugged, barren, and ill cultivated but capable of
much improvement, only they are so wedded to old customs that they
would almost consider it sacrilege to deviate at all from the habits
of their forefathers; besides the Sea supplies them with a plentiful
subsistence at the expense of little labour, so that agriculture is
little attended to. - After giving you such a description of the
land and its Inhabitants, you will laugh when I invite you
to become one of them. - this idea struck me when conversing
with Scott one day. - I observed, there was surely great want of a
respectable boarding school on the Isle, he said there was and
thinks there might be about 36 Boys to board & educate. - a
classical education seems to be preferred by the Nobility, that is
the Lords of the Isle. - I think there might also be plenty
employment for a land surveyor, but I am sure you would
not relish coming so far from home.

I am uncertain how long we may remain here, after a
day or two we shall go by the first fair wind. - Probably we shall
not be back again before the latter part of Sept. or beginning of
Oct. I find myself, in every respect as comfortable as I can wish
enjoying perfect harmony & domestic comfort. - this voyage I perform
the office of Chaplain we have prayers & a Sermon every Sunday
& I hope thro' Gods blessing it will have a very favorable effect

I began the practice & have the satisfaction of seeing it followed
in another ship and I trust it will become more extended.

April 8th Tho' with regret I am under the necessity of bidding
you farewell, the Southern breeze forbids a longer stay.

I hope you will soon hear from Thomas it has been a dreary
winter with suspense and anxiety but summer is now approach-
ing to dispel the gloom and waite him to his native shores.

If Eliza remains at Bleish she will likely pay you a visit for
a few weeks. I should much like to meet her there on my re-
turn. - My love to all the family & here I must conclude for

Uptown reluctant from its oozy caave,
The ponderous anchor rises o'er the wave;
Along the slipping Masts the Yards ascend,
And high in air the Canvas wings extend.

Your very affectionate Son
J. M. Hudspeth

To the same

Ship, Swains off Lowestoffe Sep 13, 1763

My much beloved and respected parents

It is with feelings of the most acute sorrow
that I address you on my first approach to my native country
a much lamented and very much missed subject. You will prob-
ably have received my last letter but instead of being there between
Leith and London as I expected I should be, we were beating off
Shetland, and it was by mere chance we put in there, our only
motion was to get our letters. I second you as the instant I could
whore but suppressing my anxiety and denying myself the greatest
qualification I had for a long time enjoyed. I put the letter in my
pocket till I should have it in my power to read it more by myself
I therefore finished all I had to do on shore & returned on board the Ship

immediately. When Alas! to my inexhaustible sorrows the joy I had anticipated on reading the letter was soon turned into mourning. I was first struck with the appearance of a black seal. I began the letter and read on to the fatal words which confirmed me in the loss of a beloved brother. I read the remainder of the letter but knew nothing more of what it contained than that I had lost a brother! and it was not till next day that my head was so far free from confusion as to allow me to recollect & understand any of it.

I much deplore the loss of my dear Thomas but am now reconciled to it, believing that had it not been by the permission of Divine Providence it could not have happened. "It is appointed us to man once to die." - Once to die! and it is appointed. - we are assured of it by the unalterable decrees of God. - Now it has pleased Almighty God to call him home at the age of 17 instead of 30 or 70. - May it not have been for some wise and merciful purpose? We cannot doubt it. All worldly troubles and misfortunes are now with him at an end, may not his departed spirit be now where the weary rest. where God himself shall wipe all tears from their eyes. - where there shall be no more death. - neither sorrow nor crying nor any more pain. where former things are passed away!!!

The shock to you would be dreadful. - the idea of your sufferings fills me with grief. - The nature of his death. tho' an easy one. - the circumstances occasioning it. - the suddenness of it. - all combine to inflict the wound still more deeply on your heart. Besides I fear suspense and anxiety concerning me. my long absence and unavoidable silence would help to aggravate your sufferings; - but I shall not dwell on the lamentable subject as I hope soon to be present to participate in your sorrow.

We have had a long and dreary passage as far as Scotland, we arrived there and left the same day the 21st Inst and have had a very

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fine and quick passage thus far, if the breeze continues I hope to be on my passage down to you next week.

My warmest love to you both and to all the family and believe me ever to remain.

Your affectionate Son
J. M. Hudson

To John Simmonds, Surgeon Staines, Middlesex
Leatherhead, Oct. 24th 1813

Sir,
I am very sorry in being obliged to inform you that I am prevented coming to Staines. - About 6 months ago, before I went to the North Mr S wished to have me as a visiting physician solely, and proposed I should after some time take a part in his business, which proposal I did not agree to. - and I expected that he would make an agreement with some one else as soon as possible. - Under this idea I engaged myself to you. - however on coming down to pay Mr Wake a visit. I find that he has expected me and waited for my return consequently has urged me to remain with him.

As it cannot put you to any inconvenience so long as it pleases is with you, I feel less reluctance in begging you will allow me to break my engagement & I am Sir

Yours respectfully
J. M. Hudson

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To Mr. J. Coulter Surgeon, H. C. S. Baring

Leatherhead, Feb. 14th 1813

My Dear Friend

After a long interval of silence, I set about the pleasing task of writing to you - whether you receive this or not time will disclose. When I take a retrospect of the last 12 Months curious feelings are produced. - while you were melting under the rays of a tropical sun, the northern blast was depriving me of your much wished for letters from the Cape of Good Hope which I received only yesterday 9 Months after its date. - I often flatter myself that the great distance which now divides us has never tended to lessen our friendship or weaken our regard for each other; on my side the same sentiments of esteem continue to fill my breast with ever more than usual warmth. I sometimes doubt you have been fancying me spending my time very diligently and usefully in London during these winter Months, but alas! it is not so; a kind of malignant spell seems to withhold me from such essential pursuits, and a fatal torpidity seems destined to paralyze all my endeavours to bring about such a wished for object. - But to make you the better acquainted with all my transactions during your absence, I must just begin when I last left off and going on in my usual systematic way stop when I can get no further. -

Soon after you were gone & before you had left Ports mouth I received a curious and rather mysterious letter from Mr Baker, requesting me to go to Leath. as soon as possible for he had some business of importance to communicate to me: this was the first time I felt the loss of your absence. I wanted a friend to consult with and advise me. I went however; his business proved to be

a proposal to take me into partnership with him, but his offer was so unreasonably out of the way, that I did not agree to it. giving for a reason that I had already given my word to fill a situation elsewhere and did not like making engagements to break them immediately. - thus I made known my projected voyage to Spitzbergen. - Mr B said however I should have plenty of time to consider of it while I was gone and he would wait till he knew my determination on my return.

If you remember I wished to have gone on the Fortitude but in that I was disappointed. - well, the time approached when I must appear in the character of Naval Surgeon - Chaplain &c &c. - I left this very regretting and regretted, assumed the name of Smith, by which name I am now known. - After going thro' the usual ceremonies at Limehouse, Gravesend &c &c trifling and delaying as much as possible we at last proceeded towards Scotland. - Now, I was turning my back to the world, to you - to all I held in respect or esteem; how very different were to be the places of our destination. - the object of our pursuit nearly the same. - the acquisition of gain. - The first part of my voyage was rendered very agreeable by having on board Mr Cook a Naval Surgeon - son to Robt of Dailey - and Son in Law to Land - Cott of Scalloway. - with Brassey Sound in view we encountered a violent Gale, and kept beating in our old Tub, two or three days before we could get in the effect of ignorance & inattention.

I need not enumerate the scenes I had the pleasure of witnessing at this Island. I believe they are not very diversified and consequently can hardly have escaped your recollection. - In the Harbour we encountered a terrible Gale which drove almost every ship from her anchorage, however luckily no material damage was done. - The Aberdeen Ships had just come out of the Harbour and anchored in the Bay when the Squall came on. The Oschar was dashed to pieces on the Rocks and only 2 men saved. - the other Ships got back into the Harbour with loss of Anchors and cables & only reparable injuries. - On the 8th of April we left Thules Isles

and on the 19th we saw Ice, but on going a little more to the Eastward we lost sight of the Ice altogether and kept pursuing North several days untill we were in the Latitude of 74° without seeing a bit of Ice or Ships or any thing else. - To be brief we had a dreadful season - encountered Gale after Gale & Fog after Fog several Ships were beset for many weeks there were few that were not stove and some were wrecked. of these the *Latona* of Aberdeen & *Laurel* of Hull - others again were taken by Commodore Rodgers, several went home clean and the generality very poor. - The old *Inverness* stood her hats as well as any of them: she got stove too and once got into the Pack where she was given up for lost, but poor *Beast* she is still in the Land of the Living - Our passage home was the counterpart of the preceding part of the Voyage - plenty of Gales and foul wind. The *Deception* & *Royal Bounty* were our companions. - that gentleman of cadaverous hue your *ex-devant* Captain was our leader and through ignorance and bad management we got away upon the coast of Norway and had the pleasure of spending a week beating over to Shetland in very stormy weather. - When we got there the Reports from Davis Straits were still worse than from Greenland therefore it was very fortunate I did not go in the *Fortitude*.

Now my dear friend I come to a melancholy part of my narrative. At Lerwick I received a Letter from my father bearing the sable symbols of mourning. - the sight of it shook my whole frame and settled me to the spot. - I need not describe to you my sensations: - you can judge from your own feelings which were put to the test shortly before you went to India. While I remained ~~in~~ in doubt and fear as to the real cause; my fears were soon realized. - it was a near relation. - I had lost a brother. - Yes, my dear friend, my beloved brother had fallen a victim to the headstrong resolutions of a Bute incapable of judging or acting rationally

from the effects of inebriety. - He had written home a short time before he left Sweden, holding out the cheering hope of his speedy return, and of his intention, to use his own expressions "to dispatch a proper Ambassador to inform of his Arrival". - Such a Messenger was dispatched but only to make known to his distracted parents, his melancholy fate. - They arrived at Hull on the 21th or 22th of April & he with two or three more went ashore with the Captain, and in coming off to the Ship late at night, dark, rainy and blowing, the Boat was upset in pulling up alongside the Ship and poor Thomas disappeared forever. The Capt and other lads were saved with difficulty. - Thus, in one unlucky moment were blasted all the fond hopes that had been entertained of him. - It will be more easy to conceive than describe the shock it produced at Anso's. His Body was never found altho' large rewards were offered for its discovery.

To return from this digression. - we left Shetland the same day we went in, in company with the *Deception*. we had on board Mr. Anso's May & Master Ogilby. - and while sailing along this dreary shore, pondering on the melancholy tidings I had just received, my attention was engaged by a new adventure. - By 8 o'clock we had got abreast of Fair Isle, when we observed a Brig of War dodging at a little distance, but supposing it to be one of our own cruizers very little attention was paid to it: till at 9 o'clock when it was getting dark, she hauled her wind, stood towards us and fired a gun to bring us too. - Here took place a display of cowardice, want of determination and unanimity, such as I dare say you never witnessed. - The Brig proved to be an American which was now in full chase of us: new ideas now rushed upon my mind: What would become of my poor parents while they were yet mourning for the life of one Son and apprehending that of another when they should hear of my being a prisoner in an Enemy's country or perhaps exaggerated to something else? I was afraid they would give up the Ship without a struggle, altho' every preparation was made for action. Despair & Terror was so depicted in the face of our noble Captain

that I was ³⁰ sure all was lost. It was really laughable to see us, we had the Neptune astern of us and the enemy $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile astern of them. The wind right aft and blowing fresh. We would be running with all the courses we could set when a shot would come whizzing past us. Oh dear! in sails my lads and lay too. Set sail again and now. Then another shot. Oh! make haste my brave fellows, down Studding Sails. up Foresail. back the Main Yard & now. till I believe we fairly tired our pursuers - or they thought their prey too contemptible. it got pitch dark however and in the morning at day break the coast was clear. - Then we heard enough of our bravery. The only damage done to either of us was a shot through one of the topsails: we afterwards had a fine passage to London, as soon as I got my cash (a poor pittance) I embarked again for the North in the Leith and Berwick Packet. - I found them all very well at Berwick, it was the time of Harvest and they were all very busy. I went next into Shropshire and spent a week at Bleish very pleasantly with my sister. After a Month or so had elapsed I returned to London had recourse to my usual resource (Apoth: Hall) before I had time to look round me I was next day engaged in a very respectable concern at Hainis in Middlesex. I did not wish to be so precipitate but I thought a Bird in the Hand worth two in the Bush. however before I went for good and all I went to pay Mr Baker a visit, and prevailed upon me to break my new engagement and remain with him at Leatherhead. where I now am rather against my inclination; I am now completely sick & tired of it and am anxiously wishing for the day when I shall bid Adieu to the unassociable creatures of Leatherhead. I expect that will take place by the end of 3 weeks if not sooner.

I am now on the point of taking a Voyage to Davis Straits in the Majesty, and I hope we shall visit Orkney instead of that detestable place Shetland.

I have perhaps been a great deal more circumstantial

than there is any occasion for, but you know I must either move or mechanically like a Horse in a Mill or stand still altogether. I shall expect as minutely a detail of all your adventures when I shall have the pleasure of meeting you again.

It is so long since your kind letter was written that I have few remarks to make on its contents. I am happy to find you so well and envy your good fortune, while I sincerely wish that capricious Goddess may continue to hover over you dispensing her gifts with increased liberality. &c

Believe me to remain as truly as ever
Your very sincere Friend
J. Mc. Hudsopeth

To the Governor, Deputy Governor, & Committee of the
Honourable Hudson's Bay Company.

May 3^d 1815

Hon^{ble} Sirs

Hearing that there is a vacancy for a Surgeon in one of your Ships, I have taken the liberty of offering myself in that capacity. I applied in the early part of the winter and occasionally have made enquiries since but no vacancy was then announced. I hope now my application will meet with the approbation and my appointment be confirmed by your Hon^{ble} Board. - With respect to qualifications I shall lay before you the testimonials of my attendance on the Lectures of the various Branches of the Profession and shall give you such references for personal character as may be thought necessary.

With much respect. - I am

Hon^{ble} Sirs

Rec^d for answer from the Hon. Board, that you were appointed to the 3^d Ship if a 3^d Ship should go, which I was assured was determined upon.
Your very Hum^{ble} Serv^t
J. Mc. Hudsopeth

To W^m Mellich Esq^r. Shedwell Dock -

May 17, 1815

Sir /
Altho' I have not the honor of being personally known to you, I take the liberty of addressing you to beg a favor which may be at your disposal. I understand the Europe East India Co. will be home in a month or two and what I have to request is that if a vacancy occurs for an Assistant Surgeon that you would have the goodness to give me that appointment. I was out last year in one of your Ships in the Southern trade (the Majestic) it is on this account I presume to intrude myself on your notice. - When Capt Lawson returns I have no doubt he will speak favorably of me.

My reason for being thus premature in my application is, that having just finished my studies at the King's Hospital I am going to leave town for a few months. - If you will allow me to wait upon you personally at your office and give any particulars respecting myself which you may wish to enquire into. - you will much oblige - Sir

With the greatest respect. &c

J McHudspeth

To Mr. Roberts, Hudson's Bay House, Fenchurch St, London

On Board the Hadlow. Off Yarmouth
14th June, 1815

Sir /
Confident of Lord Selkirk's solicitude for the welfare of the colonists whose health is committed to my charge, I think it necessary to beg you will inform his Lordship, that there is no one on Board the Ship: I only learned this from Capt Davison since we left Gravesend. - I hope there will be few or none sick to require it, but if unfortunately any Fever of the Typhus kind should make its appearance it will become essentially necessary. - If you will have the goodness to mention it to his Lordship I have no doubt he will see the propriety of granting that some may be sent on Board at our next Port for the use of the Sick.

I have the honor to assure his Lordship that no attention shall be wanting on my part to contribute to their health and comfort.

I am Sir -

Yours &c

J McHudspeth

To Mr. W. Hart. at Mr. Baker's. Leatherhead

1 College Street, May 15th 1815

Dear Hart /

I am a little surpris'd at your having broke off your correspondence so suddenly but I suppose it arises merely from thoughtlessness. - Beg your pardon. - I should have said from want of time for it is not to be expected that a man whose name stands so high in the profession as Mr. Hart's does, can find leisure to attend to such trivial matters.

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The winter Season for Medical and Surgical study is now drawing to a conclusion and I shall very soon be leaving Town - Before doing so I should be glad to know how you all are and what you are all doing at Leatherhead, for you know I am such an unsettled, undetermined & unaccountable mortal that it is very uncertain when I may again have an opportunity of hearing from you, therefore I hope you will write to me immediately for I don't think I shall have time to pay you a visit. - I would have written to you before this but unfortunately I was clumsy enough to scratch my finger while dissecting; such accidents are sometimes attended with unpleasant consequences; it forced me to carry my arm in a sling for some time but it is now nearly recovered. - Since the weather got fine it became insupportable to dissect, and the putrid effluvia of the Dissecting Room affected my health, that had I not given it up I should have been ere long a fitter subject for Dissection than for Dissecting.

I have not seen your old friend Mr Stewart for a long time he called once or twice at my lodgings with a message but I was never at home. - I met with him one day in the Jerusalem Coffee House. He entered into a long Philippic against Mr Baker and all the Leather-folks. I think him rather a silly fellow - his conduct seems to me by no means justifiable and I believe he now regrets it himself.

My friend Mr Coulter is on the point of setting off for India, Surgeon of the City of London. They have a great many passengers & as they are to touch at a variety of places, he promises himself a very agreeable and perhaps lucrative voyage. I should not be loath to follow the same track myself for I am itching to get to Sea again, but at present I have no prospect of visiting India's golden shores. - my career is destined to be run in the frigid regions of the North for at present I am about to commence a voyage to Hudson's Bay in North America, I am employed by the Earl of Selkirk to accompany a body of Settlers

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who are going to Hudson's Bay to settle in a new Colony which his Lordship is forming in the interior of that country. - however I return as soon as the people are landed there, at least I go no farther with them. One is happy in procuring a situation almost of any sort, for latterly every opening has been a ready prey to a great host set loose from the Army and Navy eager to snatch at whatever fell in their way. Before the escape of Bonaparte, prospects were becoming very gloomy for the Brethren of the healing art, but now they begin to brighten. War opens a Field for employment and promotion which humanity views with horror, but Necessity will greet its approach with joy.

You, my young fellow are better off, that can look forward for a few years with apathy to the cares and solicitudes of others not apprehending any difficulties with respect to yourself. - I hope none may ever fall in your way.

I met with some new fashioned blood vessels (Blood basons I mean) a few days ago which I thought very convenient and have ordered two to be sent to Mr Baker. I hope you may have frequent occasion for them. - Present my best respects to Mrs. Mr Baker & to your own worthy family at Dorchester. - Expecting to hear from you soon I feel much pleasure in subscribing myself,

Your sincere Friend

J. Mc: Hudspeth

To Capt. Alex: McDonell at York Fort. Hudson's Bay

On Board the Hadlow, Ship Hole, Hay River

Sept 6th 1815

My dear Sir

I have no doubt but you have had the mortification to hear my character sadly traduced by an incendiary villain whose whole conduct throughout is one piece of imposture and deception. He is one of those fine fellows, who, to escape a Prison or the G. U. is obliged to take refuge in a distant country, in the disguise of a gentleman, a character which he cannot support, & perhaps under a feigned name.

Nothing but his unrivaled impudence and scurrilous tongue protects him from the contempt and neglect which he justly merits. In taking these paltry Snow Shoes I did not repay myself for what he owes me. - the sums I paid for him at Thuro to screen him from the ignominy of a poacher and a swindler; this, I would not deign to take notice of. Did I not find him stooping to any act of meanness in order to gratify his childish revenge. - that I suppose is the disposition of a Gentleman or a Man of Honor as he styles himself. - But, he has missed his mark; his character is too well established to be able to undermine that of another. - not all his borrowed presents nor fulsome flattery will serve to raise him or sink me in the opinion of any one who knows us both. - He is selfish and malicious, but still he is superficial and therefore the less dangerous for he is soon seen through: But, mark me: I am deeper in his secrets than he is aware of, and I shall stop forward to prevent the amiable, the innocent, and unsuspecting dupes of his artifices from being betrayed by a treacherous villain. - Birth. - parentage. - rank - wealth - estates &c &c. where are they? - an Empty boast!

He would do well to new model a few of his letters before he sends them to Britain, lest I new model them for him. - this is a hint which perhaps you may understand. - He could not impose upon me with his feigned, deceitful panegyrics. - I had penetrated to the very core into his nature to be so easily deluded. - What do you think the fellow wrote to Capt. Davison? and to make the bait take he larded it with a piece of Venison. "You'll not have a fair wind" says he, "as long as my Snow Shoes are in the Ship. The pillaged Cargo on Board the Hadlow is pretty considerable! a great many things! an Inventory of them would amuse you". Poor Devil! this pitiful innuendo of his did afford a little amusement; I wish he had sent us a list of the pillaged Cargo. - for if we stay much longer here we shall be at a loss for something to amuse us. - However to communicate the poor

miserable wretch for the Shoes, I now send him a pair of Drawers to keep him warm. - and a shilling to pay his Boat ashore when he returns to Britain. - both of which he is totally destitute of.

If you have an opportunity of writing me a few lines before you go off, I shall be extremely happy to hear from you. - if not I wish you a prosperous journey and every success to your undertaking. Adieu God Bless you! - I remain my dear Sir,

The four attended to with 20 others were killed in the spring following. - This is }
McDonnell escaped. - }
Your respectful friend & well-wisher
J. Mc. Hudsforth. -

From Mr. Hainsby, Surgeon. Prince of Wales, to Mr. Hudsforth
Surgeon of the Hadlow.

May Prince 29th Aug. 1815

Sir

I received your polite Note this morning. - am sorry I cannot do myself the pleasure of coming on Board the Hadlow, sincerely wishing you a pleasant passage down the Bay.

Please to make my best compliments to Mr. Green the resident Surgeon there. - I have sent you a few drachms of Calomel and have sent a little to Mr. Holdsworth.

In haste I remain D. Sir

Your Obed. Servt.

W^m Hainsby.

From Mr. Green, Surgeon Moose Factory, to Mr. Hudsforth, Ship Hadlow
Moose Factory, Sept 21st 1815

Sir

I have sent you five Roggins which I have with difficulty procured for you and hope they will be acceptable. I would have procured you a pair of work'd shoes, but the time being so short I was not able. - I have sent a letter addressed to Mr. Hainsby which

I will esteem a particular favor if you will deliver it to him on
your arrival at Stromness. With Complts. to Messrs Davison King
wishing your prosperous gales to waft you to Old England again.

I remain Sir - Yours &c
Joseph Greene
Surgeon.

To Mr. C. B. Wallace. Newthorpe, Kelso -
Begun on board the Harlow at Sea, enclosed at
Cantonment Oct. 22nd 1815

My dear friend

Unwillingly a sojourner in the Western World
at the distance of some thousands of miles from my native coun-
try, my mind is often unconsciously strolling across the Atlantic
and fixing on the objects which I most venerate, respect or hold dear.
First I visit my paternal roof and ponder over the sensations that
my long protracted arrival will create there, an association of ideas
rush upon my mind and I draw forth an involuntary sigh. Pre-
sently I view them spinning in mournful silence sadnets over the
imaginary laps of a son and a brother, no welcome letter to dispel
the gloom and cheer the midnight hour but all is doubt darkness
and despair, now and then a ray of hope will beam upon the mind
and for a while will triumph but sad remembrance aided by
the fertile imagination soon rears tenfold fears and only em-
bitters more the cup of woe: My poor parents! my heart exclaims
what would I not give, if you could only know that I am in
safety? Then perhaps I take an airy flight over the ex-
pansive waste that brings me to India's shores where behold
I find my friend surrounded with all the pageantry of East
Indian pomp panting with heat under the scorching rays of
a vertical Sun and sick with luxury and ease. The contrast
brings me to myself again - a prisoner in Hudson's Bay

amid the chilling blast of winter's storms. - Being musing over the
fire in one of these pensive moods a few hours ago, I found there
was still some one who deserved a share of my attention and behav-
ing over my desk your last letter fell into my hands, this re-
minded me of the demand you had upon me and I immediately
took up my pen to discharge this debt. - I have already written
a letter for my father & this to you will complete the sum of my
correspondence from this country, for at present I am giving
way to the most extreme indolence and until I get fairly fix'd
in my winter quarters I don't think I shall be able to settle to
do any thing that requires the least thought or attention. I am a
prisoner to be sure, neither a criminal nor the victim of war
but here confined through the medium of rude winter's icy seas,
however I am just as happy and comfortable as I could wish,
never enjoyed better health, rather solitary to be sure and with
too much time on my hands, but still I am not destitute of so-
ciety neither I have got a companion of my own profession.
The two Captns. and three or four more - Officers of the Ships, besides
a number of men belonging to the two Ships also help to take
off the gloom of an uninhabited isle. Where we propose wintering
is on a fine large island called Charlton near the bottom of James Bay
in 52° 58' Lat. and 79° W Long. - it is entirely covered with woods, affording
shelter from the inclemency of the weather, materials for build-
ing our houses and plenty of firing without any trouble in
procuring it besides a commodious and safe harbour for the ships.
We shall be very comfortable in our own fluggen fluggen way,
much as the Gypsies live in England, but it is wonderful how
readily man becomes reconciled to any situation so long as it
is his own choice or the result of necessity while he enjoys the freedom
of action and look forward to a certain period when he is sure of be-
ing liberated from all his hardships. Not one is discontented and
why should we? we are all little Kings and Governors, sole

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masters of the island we inhabit, we can roam at large, hunt
shoot, build up and hew down without any Bailiff or Peace
Officer interfering to make us answerable for our deeds and
when tired of exercise or amusement we shall enjoy the ne-
cessary refreshment, smoke our pipes and toast our friends
with as much contentment & harmony in our conical smoky
huts as we should do in the splendid mansion in Europe.

Were we detained in any civilized country where there might be
intercourse betwixt nations so as to convey intelligence home to
our friends, all would be well, but for several months they
must be left a prey to the most melancholy apprehensions.
By the bye, you will think I am giving you a very retrograde
description of my voyage, but having just before written very
circumstantially to my father I was going on to you as if you
were acquainted with every preceding occurrence leading to the
necessity of my being here.

On the 4th of June last we sailed from Theresops and
arrived at Thereso on the 10th where I spent the most pleasant
week I ever did in my life: the novelty of so large a ship in
that place attracted the attention of every body and the
characteristic hospitality of the Carthagenians did not allow
us to remain unnoticed or unknown. - another gentleman
and myself (Englishmen at John's Great house) were regard-
ed as curiosities and every one strove to pay us all the attention
in their power - even the Clergyman from the Pulpit shew-
ed us a mark of politeness; he was preaching in Irish when we
entered the Church, but on perceiving us he apologized to his Gaelic
congregation for abridging his subject, but that there were some
gentlemen come in who did not understand the language and
therefore he would proceed in English; he did so - but he made
us suffer for his complaisance for he gave us a harangue
for an hour and three quarters, all extemporaneous in a language

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in some degree foreign to himself, therefore you may suppose it was
tedious enough, however I ought to remember the precept - not to be weary
of well doing. - In return for the attention shewn us we in our turn
gave a general invitation to come on board the ship, and I am sure,
leaving out gentlemen we had a posse of ladies, not less than 150 in
number all vying with each other in worth and beauty; it would
require a heart still more obdurate than my own to resist the
impulse of the most tender emotions - we left Thereso in a week
but would you believe it my heart was left at Thereso? After spend-
ing another week at Stromness in Orkney we recommenced our
voyage on the 25th of June and reached York Port in Hudson's Bay on
the 26th of Aug. having met with immense quantities of Ice which
caused us considerable obstructions. - At York we disembarked the colonists
who had to proceed several hundred miles into the interior. - On the
7th of Sept we again sailed on a further voyage to Moose River at
the very bottom of this Bay and took in Deals, this was as far South
as London and the weather was tolerably temperate, but the summer
season even here is very short. - On the 23rd of September we bent
our course homewards in company with another ship but on arriv-
ing at Hudson's Straits we found the passage completely blocked
up with Ice and as there was every appearance of the approach
of winter it was very hazardous to attempt pushing through it
for fear of getting frozen up in it and then the preservation of
our ships and lives would have been very doubtful. - For.

Miserable they!
Who here entangled in the gathering Ice,
Take their last look of the descending Sun,
While full of Deaths and tenfold frost,
The long, long night encumbent o'er their head
Falls horrible!

Consequently it was very prudently resolved to desist while all was well
and run back to some safe and convenient place to spend the winter.
The Dispatches for the Company and our letters will go overland by
way of Montreal and New York, from thence to be shipped for England.

I perhaps may be one of the party who will perform this journey but it will be a most arduous undertaking and I think it will just be as well to leave ~~them~~ it alone. As I am a kind of passenger in the Hadlow I shall remain but a short time at Charlton, I expect to go and live at one of the Factories on the Mainland called Eastmain, which is that tract of country called Labrador. The Factory is about 40 Miles from Charlton. - In the Spring when the Ice breaks up the Ships will go to Moore River to be refitted for the voyage home and I expect we shall be home in Sept: or October 1816. It is a long time to remain in seclusion and ignorance of the state of our families as well as the political affairs of nations at so important a crisis but it cannot be otherwise I must submit. I have to thank you for your very kind letter to Choney and shall beg the favor of another to receive me on my way back. - write about the end of Aug: or beginning of September. - and I remain &c &c
I Mc Hudspeeth

P.S. The two Ships did not go to Charlton as was at first proposed but to some Islands called Knuttons which are nearer to the Mainland. we arrived here on the 20th Oct: and on the 22nd I went to Eastmain.

To the Surgeon of the Hadlow Eastmain
Knuttons Sound, Oct 25th 1815

Dear Sir!

I am sorry I am under the necessity of writing to you on so very an unpleasant an occasion / you acknowledge to me you was only a Passenger on board the Hadlow, you did the same to James Rowland Master of the Boat, under those circumstances I asked

Captains Turner or Davison for an Order to visit the Hadlow's Men which is customary on such an occasion which they refused, I understand it is their Intention to send for you immediately to repair to your duty. Now if you do consider yourself a Passenger your Absence will terminate for the Captains to act accordingly

I am, Dear Sir, Yours &c
J. P. Beauvaine Surgeon

To this impudent and foolish Epistle I never made any answer.

From Capt: Davison, addressed to Mc Hudspeeth, Surgeon of the Ship Hadlow. Eastmain

Ship Hadlow 25th Oct 1819, Knuttons Sound
Mc Hudspeeth.

In consequence of the Surgeon of the Eddystone refusing to attend the Men I'll on board the Hadlow, I request you will join the Ship Hadlow as soon as possible by the first conveyance. I am astonished you should convey such an Idea to say you was only a passenger on board when you informed me you was on monthly pay. - If that monthly pay, you consider it to be continued, you will not fail to join the Hadlow as soon as possible. The failure you not joining the Ship Hadlow, a Copy of this Letter will be given to Lord Selkirk. - I remain

Yours &c
J. P. Davison

From Mr. Hudspeeth to Captain Davison

Capt. Davison

Castroville, Oct 30th 1815

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 25th desiring me to return to Scutlons on account of the Surgeon of the Eddystone having refused to attend those Ill belonging to the Hadlow. I was astonished at the barbarity of such a refusal and sorry to see any one fostering mercenary and selfish views under the circumstances in which we are at present placed. The bare mention of the fact was sufficient to impel me to return for humanity's sake, and am very sorry to think you should ever have observed any thing so refractory in my behaviour as to require such peremptory commands; but I am willing to attribute the stile in which you write to some recent vexation you had met with, as I must confess that from the respect I have always entertained for you and the terms on which we parted it was very unexpected, very unmerited and hurt me a good deal. I was also surpris'd you should lay any emphasis on my having said I was a passenger, as it is of very little importance whether I am a Passenger or the Ship's Cook so long as I did the duty of Surgeon while on Board the Hadlow. It was at your suggestion I came here and at your request I came here and at your request I was about to return, but the ^{return} want of all the passengers who were dispatched to Mosca and the scanty allowance on which they must subsist, the want of necessaries to defend them from the cold together with their liability to accident, has induced Mr. Russell to detain me here, where Medical assistance is equally urgent and necessary.

If Mr. Beauvais is really so mean as to exact payment for the trifling attendance your men may require, the Men themselves may defray that expense as they would have to do, in any Merchant Vessel elsewhere: Besides there is scarcely any useful Medicine or Application in Lord Selkirk's Chest on

Board the Hadlow that is not expended. - From the bottom of my heart I wish you health and every comfort during the winter and beg leave to subscribe myself. - Yours respectfully

J. Mr. Hudspeeth

I thought it best policy to write in a conciliatory manner rather than aggravate differences, by recounting a slight indignity.

The two Captains having requested Mr. Russell to send me back immediately, and not to list to any "Apologies". Mr. R. writes as follows:

Your requesting the Doctor of the Hadlow to return on such authoritative and unnecessary stormy terms, surprizes me much and convinces me how little your assistance is to be relied on, I never requested the assistance of that gentleman here; but at the same time considered your sending him here as a proof of your good conduct and desire to promote the interest of the Hon^{ble} concern at large; therefore I consider your request for his return as selfish & illiberal. I have no doubt it will appear so in the eyes of our Hon^{ble} employers.

The Doctor of the Eddystone refusing to do the duty of both Ships in such a crisis of affairs appears to me so selfish reprehensible, that I should judge it right to prevent him doing the duty of either, and shall leave you to take what steps you please in that respect. - The matter shall be laid before Mr. Vincent and I have no doubt it will meet with his just disapprobation. - From what I have seen of Mr. Hudspeeth he is extremely agreeable and will render every assistance for the good of the concern at large. - He now returns, though his services are much wanted here, and very probably some will fall a sacrifice to disease from your caprice and inconsideration. - Every selfish view should be laid aside at present, otherwise our deplorable situation will be rendered still more so. - I am sorry that such a want of humanity should prevail.

N.B. ⁴³ Gentlemen, since writing the above the Carved & Battaux
dispatched for Moose have returned with all the passengers. The
vast number of Men at present here, the scarcity of provisions, the
want of necessary clothing, the constant travelling and tenting which
we shall have at this place on purpose if possible to procure pro-
visions renders it absolutely necessary that a Surgeon should be here
this winter, consequently I have detained the Doctor of the Hadlow
and have no doubt it will meet with the approbation of our
Hon^{ble} employers. Several of the Men are already ill and to send the
Doctor where I am sure he cannot be wanted, would be acting con-
trary to the dictates of reason and endangering the lives of several
individuals. - God knows! I have enough to attend to without the sick,
much more than any one ever before had in this country with
such slender means. - If the Doctor of the Eddystone will not at-
tend the people of the Hadlow without an order Capt. Turner
should give him an order and I am fully persuaded the Hon. C^o
will satisfy all demands. -

Suffice it to say I did not return to Stoughton with the Dogs
and the immediate commencement of Winter, prevented any fur-
ther intercourse for some time.

From Mr. Green Surgeon at Moose to Mr. Hudspeth Surgeon East Main

My dear Sir, By the arrival of W^m Ramze here on the 17th Inst
I received your letters and likewise two more which I delivered to the res-
pective persons. - The Ships' detention in the country I am afraid
will prove of serious consequence, there being so small a quantity of
provisions remaining and the Goose Hunt failing in every quarter.
We procured no fish this Fall with the Seal and are not getting any
with the hooks, the sole dependence is on our Caribbe & they are
all in a miserable state to slaughter. we have killed a few very
good Meat. - I trust in God, he will see us all safe through it. -

I have been very ill the last 3 weeks and am now in that state
that I can scarcely hold my pen from the Camp, therefore hope you
will excuse this scrawl. - Mr Russell will inform you what to do about
the Medicines. - With Compl^t to Capt. Davison and Mr King, I remain
Moose Party }
Nov 21st 1815 } Yours respectfully
J Greene -
This gentleman soon after died.

From Captain Davison to Mr. Hudspeth - Eastmain

Mr. Hudspeth

Stoughton, W^m Jan 7, 1816

I received your Note and am obliged for your enquiry,
the poor Cook got quite well of his leg and had done his duty some time.
At 12 O'clk he went off in an apoplectic fit having only conv^d three
days, as we suppose in his old complaint, One of our people Long
has got the Scurvy and two of the Eddystons, Fisher is ill, Taylor,
Matthew Westcott, there is about 6 in the Sick House. - we in our Mess
are all enjoying the blessings of health which I hope you have
also done since your departure from us, wishing you a happy New
Year I remain - Yours truly

J^r. Davison -

P.S. the Surgeon of the Eddystone pays good attention to the Sick.

From Mr. Donovan, 2^d Mate of the Hadlow to Mr. Hudspeth Surgeon

Jan 7 10th 1816

Sir, I take the liberty of sending you those few lines, Hoping
they may find you in as good state of health as loves me at
present. Thanks god for all Things. We have had several of our
men very ill and still remains so with the help of our Cook which
was buried on the 13th December last. I have nothing more to in-
form you off concerning our State at present I am for my own
part almost mad in the want of tobacco that which was sent from

East Main the two Captains kept I would be for ever Obliged to you if you could Procure Me by any Means one pound of tobacco I will be answerable to you for any price it may cost and be for ever Obliged to you for sending Your Men arrived here yesterday after their long and dreary passage of five days I hope you will succeed and send it by the next Men that comes. I have no more at present. But still remains your Well Wisher

John Donovan

I hope you will come your self and then you will hear the whole of the Matter.

Sir I hope you will write if you dont come and let us now how you are and if the Packet is gone or when

The tobacco is all that troubles Me.

To Capt. Davison Scutten Lodge

Eastmain, Jan^y 22^d 1816

Capt. Davison

Sir,

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your kind Note as it informed me of your own health and that of your Wife. I regret the loss of the poor old Cook altho I almost foresaw his fate from the beginning I am also sorry to find that several of the people are on the sick list on this account I much wished to pay you a visit by this opportunity, but as Mr Russell has undertaken the journey himself he wishes me to remain here till his return, as Mr Gladman is but a youth and might feel himself embarrassed should any strangers arrive from home

in the mean time besides there are a number of disappointed Irish men about the place who might take the advantage of Mr Russell's absence and become refractory in their behaviour I hope you will be able to arrange matters so with Mr Russell as to ensure a sufficient supply of provisions during our unfortunate detention in the country Mr Russell I know will contribute as far as lays in his power to the general welfare but there are many matters to please and I suspect there will be a deal of quibbling before the Ships leave the country.

I beg you would have the goodness to send by those men who return with Mr Russell, my Snow shoes and a Seal skin which may be found in my Cabin on board the Ship. I flatter myself I shall have the pleasure of seeing you at Esko along with Mr Russell and till then I subscribe myself Sir - Yours &c

I Mr Russell

I have sent a pack of cards which may serve to pass away a dull evening.

To Mr. Donovan 2nd Mate Ship Meadow - Scutten

Mr. Donovan

Sir,

Eastmain, Jan^y 22^d 1816

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Jan^y and feel obliged to you for being so considerate as to write to me; nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be able to contribute to the comfort of the whole of you by any means in my power, but I have no influence here whatever and particularly with respect to Tobacco; the stock here is so small that it would not afford each, one pipe scarcely. Therefore it is impossible to oblige one with it and refuse it to another; Mr R. has agreed however to take as much as he can spare to be divided amongst all the Mates, that which was sent by the first trip the Long Boat made was intended exclusively for the Captains

and that was only spared in consequence of my earnest solicitation, knowing how much Capt. D. would feel the want of it.

I am extremely sorry to hear of the sickly state of the men and I fully intended to have paid you a visit by this opportunity but as Mr Russell has gone himself he wishes me to remain in charge of the place till his return, there being but one other Officer here who is young and inexperienced.

I should hope if you had a supply of fresh victuals and that in sufficient quantity, the health of the people would improve, but alas! where is a sufficient supply to come from? This place is quite destitute and at Moose all the Men were put on short allowance soon after the Ships sailed from thence & when they had not the remotest idea that they would return, what then must be their situation now? and to add to the general calamity, there is neither fish nor game of any kind to be procured. - I am out hunting every day with the most indefatigable assiduity but very often I come home without procuring any thing whatever. - But I trust that the all merciful God without whose permission not even a sparrow falls, will protect and preserve us all through this afflicting trial. - I have sent for your amusement a Pack of Cards which you will have the goodness to present to Mr King with my Complts. - I shall be glad to hear from all of you by the return of this party and of every particular respecting your situation at Struttons. With Complts to Messrs King, Wm. Ramsay - Beaumaine and Self. - I remain
Your Obedt. Servt
J. Mc. Hudspeth

From Mr. Beaumaine, Surgeon Struttons, to Mr. Hudspeth, Surgeon. C. M.

Struttons Lodge, Jan^y 24th 1810

Sir

It is with real pain I am obliged to Inform you of the sickly state of the Hadlow's and Caddyston's Ships Company; and I really Wonder at your long Absence at this critical time when you ought to be attending your duty. Although you have several times acknowledged yourself only a Passenger, I have no doubt but you will expect the same Encolument.

In short I consider myself very ill used and you may depend on our arrival in Europe I shall make circumstances known, and Endeavour to recover such recompence for my attendance during your Absence that we now enjoy.

You have even deprived me of the use of your Medicines although there is plenty at Crestmain, I have nearly exhausted my little Stock and now have not the smallest Antidote against Scurvy. At present there is Eleven of your people in my list including Mr Taylor, and you may depend I have plenty employment.

However I shall elucidate further on the Subject perhaps in the presence of the Hon^{ble} Hudson's Bay Company who will I have no doubt give me every necessary satisfaction.

I consider myself Senior in my profession having passed the College of Surgeons and served his Majesty five Years. - In short I think I have no right with your duty which is Imposed on me with Impunity. I remain Sir

Yours &c

J. P. Beaumaine
Surgeon Ship Caddyston

Of this letter, like his former one I took no notice whatever.

52 To Capt: Davison, Stutton Lodge -

Eastmain, Feb^y 12, 1816

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you of my safe arrival at C.M. about 4 o'clock the same afternoon I left you and on the following day about noon the 4 Sailors arrived much exhausted as might be supposed but nothing the worse for their journey, except being partially frozen about the face, ears and hands: the Thermometer was 35° below the cypher here that morning we left Stuttons but I think it was colder early in the morning with you, for next day it was down to 39° and it did not appear to me half so cold. - Much pain is due to J^o Rowland for the great care he took of the men in preventing them freezing and in thawing their face when frozen. - I have no doubt however but the fear of a repetition of the same trouble will lead him to dissuade others as much as he can from undertaking the journey, if more are sent this time it will be well to examine how far they are furnished with necessaries for the journey, for Bone had one of his hands considerably frozen from not having proper Mittens and the men themselves are naturally so thoughtless and ignorant of the climate that they don't think of these things beforehand. - With respect to the state of the health of those four: Peter Colt is quite well and goes to the woods or any other work like the rest of the crew. - Bone is also recovering speedily of the Scurvy. - Robison has been complaining a little but is better. - Inhoter remains unwell, - upon the whole however he is better and I hope in another week they will all be restored to perfect health. - I represented to Mr Russell the inconvenience and distress you would labour under

for want of Snow Shoes and repeated your entreaties that he would send more back as soon as possible also that he would write to Moore for more of those necessary accoutrements which he has done in his public letter to Mr Beasley. - One of the Sailors lost a pair of Moccasins or Bear's Paws that were sent, for as soon as he got within a mile of the place he threw them away and a fall of snow soon covered them over and they could not be found. - On Wednesday the 7th Inst. the Packet was sent off to Moore and 5 of the returned passengers who have been maintained here ever since the Ships return, and they needed all the Snow Shoes that could be spared for their journey, so that I fear it will be impossible to send any additional ones to Stuttons this trip. - Ever since these men went away the weather has been very severe and as they were very sparingly victualled I doubt they will suffer much before they reach Rupperts House.

Mr Russell has written a very spirited letter to Moore censuring with great asperity the apparent inactivity which prevails in the present urgent crisis of affairs, I hope it will have the effect of rousing them from their apathy and stimulating their exertions in behalf of the suffering Ships crews. - After calculating the quantity of fresh beef which will be required for the people at present on this District and a supply to the Ships of only two days in the week, it appears that all the living creatures here will be by far insufficient to make up the necessary quantity, when they are all gone Providence I trust will furnish us with some other resource. - It seems that the cattle which have died at Moore did not die for want of food but for want of water, and they cannot get water for want of tubs to drink it out of. - Such is the management of those whose chief office is to censure the conduct of others and to exact schemes and issue orders for others to adopt. - Mr Russell complains that while he is doing his utmost to procure for the Ships all the relief and support in their power, and urging others to make the same exertions, you do not manifest in your public courses

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pendence your real situation, so that it will appear he is taking
a very busy part where there is no occasion for it and without
doubt his letter to Moore will bring upon him the retaliation
and revenge of the managers there. - While Mr Russell is
taking such an active part in behalf of those connected with the
Ships, he thinks it might be of use to him were you to complain
more of your necessities and acknowledge the merit of his exertions
as well as make every request in your public instead of your
private letters. - By doing so his conduct will be made to appear
in a favorable light in the eyes of the company, and will
also spur him up to serve you with the greater alacrity - I am
confident he has your interest and welfare really at heart.
With respects to Capt. Turner I subscribe myself Sir

Your Obed^t Hum^l Serv^t
J. M. Hudspeeth

From Mr. Beauvain, Surgeon, Stutton Islands
to Mr. Hudspeeth, Surgeon, East Main, 27th 1765
Stuttons Feb 16-16

Dear Sir
I received yours and am happy to hear that the
four Men performed the journey so well and were in a favorable
way. - Matthew Westman departed this life yesterday Morning
after labouring under a severe Pulmonary complaint for
three days. - Taylor is somewhat better, and the remainder of your
men excepting Fisher are only convalescent. Six of the Eddy stones
are very sadly with the scurvy, and two foreigners I expect to loose
daily, but I am sorry to say they refuse all advice tending to
their good. It is with the greatest difficulty I can prevail upon them
to take the steer.

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However I trust that a change of diet and a continual supply
of fresh Provisions untill the Spring with my exertions and
the assistance of God Almighty that they will all recover to perfect
health.

Mr Ramsay and Donovan went to Charlton on Monday
last with four Indians who brought us a little fresh provisions; we
remain as usual very dull. - With best respects to Mr Russell
and hope we shall have the pleasure of his company at Charlton
once more.

I remain, Dear Sir

Yours truly
J. S. Beauvain

P.S. I am destitute of a pair of Millers, have you any interest
to procure me a pair. I am sorry to say Capt. P has not
acted correctly but all shall come to light by and by.

From Mr. King, Chief Mate of the Hadlow
Mr. Hudspeeth

Dear Sir
A Secret to your Letter
and cannot say too I find myself much obliged by
you - & hope you will never meet with any such Dis-
agreeable; but will always meet with every thing con-
fortable & prosperous for the safety of your little Bark
I am sorry to hear you have been poorly but I expect-
ed the same knowing that you was not used to such
cold fatigue. - I hope I shall hear a most favorable
by the next packet of your welfare.

Mr H - h - Nothing particular to inform you -
Myself well Mr B - e - fainted away this afternoon with
weakness. - Mr W - d quite well - Mr D - n - Ramsay -
Went for Charlton with the Indians that were here

last Saturday⁵⁹ Thank God I find myself quite well
M H L

An unlucky circumstance happened here
this morning, viz. Matthew Westerman
Departed this ^{late} Morning at 11 o'clock. So
I conclude with my respects & Believe Me
Dear Sir - your well wisher Wm C. King

Scutcheon Lodge 9 o'clock at Night
Feb 25th 1816

I shall get something ready for the good woman
in the course of a little time as the request is not
convenient at present. Wm King

I had sent this gentleman the present of a book and this I suppose
was intended as a complimentary letter - it is in his most elegant
style of composition & intended to portray the feelings of a grateful heart.

To Mr. Beauvais Surgeon - Scutcheon Islands -

East Main Feb 27th 1816

Dear Sir

Mr Russell having of a sudden resolved to sail to
Scutcheon tomorrow Morning instead of the latter part of the week
as was at first intended. I have just time to acknowledge the
receipt of yours of the 16th. I was sorry to learn that sickness
and mortality continue their way among the Men in a melancho-
ly degree but I very much fear that no material amendment
can be expected until they have a competent supply of fresh
diet, of which there is very little prospect at present and even
those Medicines which might in some degree tend to keep the
Disease at Bay, are not to be had, besides the indolent and uncon-
servable disposition of the Men themselves, are all conducing to

the present wretched condition - I anxiously hope to hear more fa-
vorable accounts from you this time. The 4 Men who are here are
tolerably well but still complain of being weak. Bones hand which
was frozen is not healed yet, it is sloughing quite down to the wrist
joint and separates very slowly - the sore however is not extensive

I have sent you the Medicines you requested, and would thank you
to return the Bottles, and if you want any more liquid Medicines
you had better send Bottles for it. Application shall be made to
Moore for acids by the next conveyance, which however will not
be until we hear from thence; by the next arrival probably
we may expect Mr Christie, & perhaps Mr Vincent or Kivering.

I am very glad to hear you have got Indian neighbours at
Scutcheon. if their hunt their is productive the will afford the Ships
crews very material relief, by occasional supplies of fresh provi-
sions. I hope Mr Ramsay and Donovan have found every thing
satisfactory in their enterprise. You will receive a pair of Skates
which Mr Russell has been so good as make for you. I am sorry you
should have been so long without such a necessary while it could be
so readily procured. With Complts. to all the Men I am, Sir

Yours etc.

J. M. Hudspeeth

From Mr. Beauvais to Mr. Hudspeeth

Scutcheon Lodge, Feb 27th 1816

Dear Sir

Yours of the 24th came due to hand I am
glad to hear the Health of the four Men improve but
I am sorry to say we have lost one of our Men since. Mr. Woods
who died the Morning after Math Westerman quite suddenly.
Taylor continues very bad I am sadly afraid we shall loose him

where Mr. Fisher who has had a relapse of the pulmonary
complaint very severe, & in consequence of not taking the Air
and exercise the System is greatly debilitated, Russell improves
daily the rest convalescent. The Boy George Well, but take the
generality I never saw such a wretched, dirty, filthy, Idle,
Ignorant, leathome set of fellows who call themselves Sailors
since I have been to Sea.

Many thanks to Mr. Russell & yourself for the Mittens for I
assume your my fingers have suffered during the Winter.
We have little or no control over our Men, they do just as
they like in short I am obliged to fetch Wood and have some
during the Winter along with my Mesmates, but thank God
every day makes the time shorter. I have no News to inform
you except that I am left all alone, my Mesmates are all
gone to Charlton to hunt for a Week or so. We have had a
second supply from the Indians about 90 Rabbits & 15 Pheasants
and they promise to pay a third visit shortly.

Thank God my health is rather better except now and
then a touch of the Spleen, but I reckon that arises from
suffering nearly two years with an obstinate tertian ague.

I sincerely hope you enjoy that great blessing Health
without which all Men are poor. - Make my best
respects to Mr. Russell, Mr. and Family and except the
same yourself, and believe me my dear Sir

How the Doctor has altered his tone. } Yours very Truly
See Letter dated Oct 25. 1815 and } J. F. Beauvais
Jan 7 26th 1816

P.S. I am sorry to say Capt Swamer has forfeited his word
respecting the Rum, if you can procure me two or 3
gallons, I will send the Cash and be extremely obliged. I
wally assure you I have nothing to drink but cold stinking
water and out of the Soap that came from East Main

I only got 1/2 lbs which has been used long since and I am compell^{ed}
to wear a Shirt near three weeks, hoid work, if you can as-
sist me without injury to yourself pray do -

From Capt. Davison

Stuttons Lodge, 20th Feb^y 1816

Mr. Hudsouth

I received your Card with the state of the Therm^{om}
for which I feel myself obliged. - Am glad to be informed our two
Sailors are likely to do well. We Intend Matthew Westerman also
Michael Bivas belonging to the Cuddystone (who departed this life on
Friday Night;) on Sunday Taylor and Fisher there is very little hope
of their recovery -

Wields, King, Ramsay & Donovan set off for
Charlton on Monday Morning for at least a fortnight to hunt
if successful to continue longer. - I take plenty of exercise walk
at the N. end of the Stuttons today and go to the S. Island tomorrow
tho' I have got nothing for this ten days till today, and that
only one Rabbit. Continue to send the state of the Therm^{om}
and you will oblige

Yours Obed^t

J. Davison

In their Public Letter to Mr. Russell they request that I may
be sent to Stuttons the first of procreancy, without mentioning
for what purpose or for how long a time. And this silly ignorant
Board, altho' writing to myself, did not deign even to mention it. I
afterwards learnt that it was in consequence of a quarrel they had had
with Beauvais, but when I went they were all reconciled again
and I was not required to stop.

To Mr Beaumont Surgeon - Stutton Islands

My Dear Sir

I have sent as much of the Medicines you wanted as this place will afford also the Cupping Instruments such as they are. - I stopped the Hydracale that I mentioned to you today but the Syringe did not answer so well as I could wish. - I used a Solution of the Sulphate of Zinc and of such strength as I hope will produce Inflammation enough to affect the Radical here. - I reached C.M. to day but without much pain and difficulty and I was so exhausted when I arrived that I had to be put to bed immediately. I still suffer from the effects of the journey: nevertheless I have been requested to return by this party but I find myself completely inadequate for such an undertaking and moreover I see no necessity for it.

You will learn by these Gentlemen that Mr Vincent, Kivring and Mr Christie have arrived here from Moose and you will perceive by their Missions to Stuttons that most d- n- ble proceedings are in agitation. - I hope whatever is done will conduce to the general good. - A person who has maintained an irreproachable and independent line of conduct has nothing to fear from an investigation. It is necessary to be very cautious what one advances not only in giving formal evidence but also in general conversation for sometimes inadvertant remarks may be laid hold of and have very mischievous effects. Mr Vincent from what I learn is disposed to support you in every measure you think necessary to adopt for the benefit of the Sick under your care and I trust we shall soon have the satisfaction of seeing them all restored to perfect health. - I must apologise for this miserable scrawl for I write in the dark and I fear it is hardly legible. - and my being in a Passion besides will be some excuse for making so many blunders, but still

I remain. - truly your friend - J. M. H. de Perth

P.S. Have the goodness to make my compliments to all our Repatriates and I shall be glad to hear from you by the return of Mr Russell, the state of the Sick people and your opinion of the present view of things. - You will learn that Mr Greene is dead. - and you will have an opportunity of seeing the Newspaper that conveys to us the intelligence of the glorious victory over Bonaparte on the 18th of June last by our own Wellington.

To Capt. Davison, Stutton Lodge.

Eastmain April 1st 1810

Sir / The weather for the last week has been so mild comparatively that it is hardly necessary to send you any longer a statement of the Thermometer here, as it has scarcely been lower than your own will go, however I send the daily account as before that you may be able to compare the temperature at Stuttons with that at Eastmain.

After the most incredible scenes of riot, discord and debauchery Eastmain has been suffered to resume its former tranquility. - It would be needless for me to relate what has occurred here since I last visited Stuttons, for the conduct of the present rulers is altogether so unaccountable that we can be surprised no longer at any thing they do. - However there is a subject of some importance which I wish you, Capt. Turner and every one interested in it to be fully acquainted with. - it is, if my suspicions are well founded a mysterious and most villainous transaction, but as the facts have not fully transpired I must defer giving my opinion till some future opportunity, for there is no reliance to be placed on confidential correspondence and I doubt whether the sacredness of a Seal is not disregarded. I have met with duplicity in a quarter I would

least have suspected, but there is such a strange contrariety in human nature, that it is hard to tell whom to trust. - If ever there be a Hell upon Earth it is Hudson's Bay and perhaps it would be most safe to regard every one as a Devil until you have proved him to be an honest man. - Mr Russell I am sorry to say has suffered a little; it is sufficient barely to manifest a concern for and a wish to alleviate the miseries of those, which chance has placed dependant on this detested country, to incur the displeasure and resentment of the Governor, and his Spouse. - Mr Christie before going off requested I would tell you not to be at all apprehensive of being short of men. he thinks he will be able to supply you with three good hands or perhaps more if necessary, and that they shall be sent in the Spring

Messrs Wild and King just returned in good time not on account of the weather alone, but another quarrel took place the same evening they went off which did not end without blows and had they been here they would probably have been concerned in it. It related to the subject before alluded to. Sincerely wishing the Season may prove favorable, for forwarding all the necessary Supplies before the Ice breaks up and for promoting the recovery of the Men. -

I remain Sir
Yours &c
J. No. Hudspeth

My respects to Capt. Turner

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To Mr Beaumont

Eastman Home, April 1st 1846

Dear Sir,

As Mr Russell proposes dispatching two Men to Strutton tomorrow morning, I take the opportunity of returning your Oscar and Canula, the man on whom I used it is gone off with Mr Vincent, Kiviny and Co. to Moose in order to accompany Mr Kiviny to the Riv River Colony. - You will have heard of part of the conduct of these mighty men during their stay at E. Main; the same evening that Mr King and Wild went away there was another affray of which I was the promter. - several threats, high words and some blows were exchanged but it ended without any serious consequence for the present; however more upon this subject hereafter they are now gone & we are quiet here, but I hope when we are all assembled at Moose the matter will be again resumed to their discomfiture.

I am sorry to find that our progress with respect to the issue of Taylor's illness was too well founded, and if I am to credit the representations of Mr Russell & Mr Christie more are likely soon to follow him to the grave. But I trust from such slender means as are afforded being now placed entirely under your management, that the most salutary effects will result. - May let me hear from you every opportunity. -

I hope Wild and King suffered nothing from their journey; it was well they under took it the day they did, had they set off next morning alone, they would have been inevitably lost. You will have all the news from them therefore I need not enter into particulars. - With best compliments to all believe me. -

Dear Sir

Your friend and wellwisher
J. No. Hudspeth

From Capt. Davison

Sturtevant 2nd April 1846

Mr. Beaurain

I received your kind favor for which I feel myself obliged, am sorry to have to inform Gustavus Long departed this life yesterday afternoon. Mr. Beaurain says he died of an Inflammation on his lungs. We got all the Sick to Tent about a week ago but they dont seem to get better. I anxiously wish for warm weather on their accounts for I am very much afraid for some of them.

When great Men pay a visit you have great doings, suppose they made up for their deficiency of short stay, some one have hinted you are going to stay at Moose so your mind being in purgatory for a twelve months. - We cannot learn any thing from Weilds and King I hope they have not committed themselves or have they been sworn to secrecy - for they have scarce sat 1/2 of an hour after dinner or supper since they came from E. M., Pray develop the mystery and not keep us in the dark. -

I hope friend Russell will pay us a friendly visit for we are very dull. I overheated myself on Saturday last and got a little cold (in two or three days that will be gone) & the death of Long prevents me paying a visit to E. M. shall hope to have that pleasure when we can come by water. -

You have no occasion to notice the "Thermom." when it is above 22° below the lyphen which I hope it will not be this season. I am afraid we are going to have a late Spring. - Capt. Turner desires his com. fit. while I subscribe myself.

Yours Truly

Mr. Davison



From Mr. Beaurain

Sturtevant April 2nd 1846

Dear Sir

I received your letter and with regret I have to inform you that Sickness and Mortality are still likely to remain owing in a great measure to their own Obstinacy. Aug. Long departed this life last Night at 5 o'clock suddenly after complaining slightly of a pain in the breast. - Nich. Peterson one of our Men I expect shortly to hear of his dissolution. In. Jackson our Boatswain is much better likewise W. Thompson the rest are only convalescent. All the Sick get one Pound of Fresh Beef p^{er} Day with respect to every thing else I have as more commands than before. I am happy to say we have them all in Tents with the exception of one the rest will I hope shortly recover.

For my part I cannot get to the bottom of all the inquiries of the Great Men and their Assistants but I suppose it will all come to light shortly. - I heard very little from Mr. King or told therefore I cannot judge sufficiently of the proceedings. - I am very unwell with my Old Complaint and in short I am heart sick and tired of things in general hoping you are well.

Please accept my best respects likewise those of my Neighbours and believe me Dear Sir. - Yours very truly

Mr. Beaurain

P.S. Mr. Donovan went with the Sledge on Friday and we do not expect him before Thursday next. - Your people who some time ago had signed their Names to pay me two Guineas each Man, have alter'd their minds and think the Cover ought to pay for them. - I rather think Capt. D is of the same Opinion he desired me to make a list out and charge the same to him for Mr. Parker to settle - excuse errors.

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To Capt. Davison

Castmain, April 11th 1816

Sir

I am very sorry to find we have been deprived of the pleasure of your company here, by indisposition and the intercession of one of those melancholy events the frequent occurrence of which adds to the horrors of this inhospitable country.

Whoever may have imagined that I mean voluntarily to spend another year in Hudson's Bay, is very little acquainted with my sentiments or intentions; so far from it I to D. W. W. I would not remain in the country another winter if he would give me a hundred thousand pounds, but while I am necessarily detained in the country I have no objections to go to Moose, to Struttons or any where else, that my services may be required & it is his wish that I go to Moose the first opportunity.

I am surprised to find that either Wild or King should so studiously conceal any thing that passed during their visit here, as I never understood they were either enjoined or sworn to observe secrecy. For my part I see no occasion to make any mystery of it but rather should think it a duty to expose the base designs of Men who seek to persecute under the cloak of dispensing justice, how far they are qualified to act with impartiality, moderation, and forbearance their actions will prove. You could not fail to be informed that soon after their arrival from Struttons on the 21st Ult. Mr. Ruffell underwent a summary corporeal chastisement from the hands of Mr. Riveny for venturing to reflect on the absurdity of their conduct in bringing these two Culprits here to punish for misconduct as examples to the rest and then appear to justify rather than condemn them; this disgraceful scene passed within hearing of the two Men and no doubt the benefited by the example of their Superiors, for the language made use

of on the occasion perhaps exceeded in blasphemy what the most blackguard sailor is capable of uttering. - But what most essentially interests us is the fate of our letters which I have every reason to believe have not gone to Europe. - I asked Mr. Vincent if they had? he was not prepared for such an Interrogation, he hesitated. - he equivocated - he prevaricated and he contradicted himself so as to leave no doubt in my mind. - Mr. Riveny said something, grew pale & then got into a rage. - Mr. Vincent promised that the letters which were not sent should be returned to the writers & Mr. Lury, supposing we admit the letters have not gone, what use has been made of them and may we expect ever to see them again? I remain Sir -

Your Obed^t Serv^t

J. M. Hudspeth -

To Mr. Beauvain

Castmain, April 11th 1816

Dear Sir

I received yours yesterday by the return of the two Men, and am sorry to find that the strong arm of Death is not stayed. - but while men will remain deaf to every remonstrance meant for their good purely out of obstinacy, the forfeit of their existence is only the price of their own insurrection and notwithstanding the many fatal examples they have had of the consequences of such conduct, it is lamentable it should have so little effect upon the survivors but of all the unaccountable creatures in the world I think Sailors excel; they are deaf to the voice of reason, blind to their own interest temporal & spiritual, and they seem devoid of every spark of gratitude; what you mention of their first agreeing to give you some gratuity for your attention to them and afterwards retracting is more than I would have thought them capable of, under their present pen-

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lear circumstances; if however Capt D. makes an agreement
of the kind it may be relied on.

It would be unbecoming in me were I not to inform you
that a certain interfering gentleman betrays a desire to injure
you if possible; you are aware whom I mean - a person
you know to be your enemy as I believe he is of all the
human race, wherever he has the power or the prospect of
exercising his tyranny. I think without exception I never
met with a man more generally obnoxious or more uni-
versally despised. I regret to see so many bowing submissively
to his whims without ever questioning his authority or resist-
ing his presumption.

There have just been four families of Indians in-
creasing victuals they can procure nothing by hunting and
knowing the destitute state of E.M. they have kept away
until almost famished with want. They inform us
of some of the natives having literally starved to death a
short distance from us. - Even at Moose Factory the Offi-
cers are allowed, or rather allow themselves only one meal
in the day - a dinner. - so that famine, misery & death
seems to pervade every Department of this ill fated concern.

These abstemious Moose gentry however brought very little of
their temperance here with them; M.R. calculates they
destroyed and carried away as much as would have served the
whole family here for 3 months.

The weather seems to be putting on a snidder aspect, I
hope it will continue sufficiently cold to admit of the sup-
plies intended for Struttons being forwarded before the breaking
up of the Ice. M. Russell ever solicitous about the welfare
of all at Struttons has availed himself of the assistance
of these Indians that the supply may not be long protract-
ed by depending entirely on his own men who are now al-

most worn out with fatigue. - Wishing you health and an
early release from this unfortunate Embargo, I remain

Dear Sir, Yours &c

J. No. Hudsonpeth

From Capt. Davison

Struttons, April 5th 1816

M. Hudsonpeth

Have sent a Partridge I took on a snare it being a
fine Bird have sent it, if you preserve it in a perfect state shall feel
myself obliged. - if you succeed the Boy can be seduced to the proper sized
packed up with a little waste paper, if you find it a difficult business
you had better put it on to waste for any that can eat it. - shall expect
to hear from you by the first packet for E.M. for you really have
attained my wish now. - had accounts to give you, another
poor fellow gone off, Neals Peterson died the very night we returned from
Long 3rd April, I hope to God there will be no more but its much to be feared.

Have just received your favor by the Indians I thank you for
the information. Their conduct is most unaccountable, and am
glad that Wiler and King has not committed themselves, I hope they
have sent my letter to M.D. - I scarce ever shall forgive them
if they have not. - At the time the Indians came our beer from
Rupert's House was in sight - this day is much reversed from yes-
terday and we are not quite so much alarmed of not getting all
our supplies from E.M. I must defer the pleasure of visiting E.M.
until I can come by water. - Capt. Turner joins me in best wishes.

I remain Yours Truly

J. No. Davison

From M^r Beauvais

Stoughton Second April 6th 1815

My dear Sir

I received your very kind letter and am sincerely obliged for the information of a certain point - but in truth I always thought as much. What he can do with respect to my general Transactions I care not a d - so let him be careful he does not make a rod for his own bottom.

My prognostic with respect to the Issue of Rich. Wilson was too true. he died the next night at 12 past ten. The rest we charmingly thank God but complain very much of the severity of the weather. I am extremely sorry to hear of the ill fate of some of the Indians, but we must put our trust in that all merciful God who knows the secrets of all hearts and consider that what he does is just and for some noble purpose in the end. - I have received the Plover safe tomorrow I propose cupping Glen in the Neck it was of great service to Fisher. - Please to accept my best wishes likewise those of my Wives and believe me dear Sir - Yours very Truly
J. S. Beauvais

To Capt. Davison

Castonain April 9th 1816

Sir

It might appear negligent in me were I not to write you as I expressed a wish I should by the first conveyance but I have no particular information to give further than what I merely hinted at in my last. With respect to our private Letters I cannot be more explicit on that subject as I have got into the Black Books already

about them. I should be sorry if I had added any thing to your anxiety by inconsiderately mentioning my suspicions on that head I suppose it might be from some such friendly motive that Mr Christie informed you the Letters were gone. I believe I may assure you with certainty that your letter to Mr Parker did go. Mr Vincent said "there was a letter or packet address'd to the Owners of the Harlow" that, I sent because I thought it might concern the situation of the Ship." which assertion alone would imply that he merely forwarded which he thought proper. But the conclusion which I draw does not rest on that assertion alone nor yet what fell from the Governor only. It produced a great deal of altercation here when the subject was called in question and that will induce me to bring it forward again at Moore when a convenient opportunity offers I am determined at any rate to reclaim my own letters.

I have had the partridge which you sent stuffed and I believe tolerably well, but it had been rather too long dead. I have nothing further to add than my sanguine wishes for the general welfare and that I remain Sir

Your very Obed^t. Serv^t
J. M. Hudspeeth

From Capt. Davison

Stoughton 11th April 1816

M^r Hudspeeth

I received your obliging letter and thank you for the information you give which shall not be made a bad use of. I have mentioned to Mr Russell we intend to request (in a publick Letter to Mr Vincent) if any letters were not forwarded to Europe to have them returned. If I thought it would create any suspicion or unpleasantness to you we should be cautious how it was expressed. Give me your opinion in your next

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Grant, Fisher and Glen continue the same. Capt Towne's men
Thompson & Jackson's legs are in a dangerous way. we did intend
to have sent them 5 by the Big Sledge. But I think now we
have got all we can it would be very illiberal to distress Mr
any more, tho' we think it would be of great benefit to them.
Thank you for the trouble you have taken about the Partridge
I remain - Yours Truly
M^r. Davison -

From M^r. Beauvais
Stuttons Sound April 12th 1816

Dear Sir
Per return of the Big Sledge myself and the Capt^s propo-
sed to send you a patient Geo Jackson our Boatswain who you will plain-
ly see is an Object for want of Acid and Vegetables or a little fresh fish which
I have no doubt would restore him to perfect health. being convinced
of your opidinity and humane disposition joined with Mr Russell's assistance
I have not the least doubt of seeing him return again to Stut-
tons. - Capt. D. thought of sending a Gen of the Mad Lows heart
Fisher but on perusing the Packet over again have declined.
John Johnson who went with the Sledge to Kupert's House returned
a patient with Hemia I have therefore provided him with a Truss
of my own and administered the usual applications. - I have
nothing further of Importance to mention but hope you are
well & wishing a happy release from our present Confinement,
I remain My Dear Sir - Yours very Truly -
J. P. Beauvais

Messrs. King - Donovan - Ramsay. Will with myself
desire respects.

To Capt: Davison,
Cantonain April 18th 1816

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Sir
I was pained with your Note by the return of the man on
Monday last and am very glad to find that you have resolved to dis-
cuss of Mr Vincent in a Public manner the restoration of the Ships
Letters if not forwarded to Europe, it will call forth some explana-
tion on this subject. It dont matter to me how publicly you may
express your request for there is nothing that I have mentioned
that did not transpire in a public company and is no secret but
as I made use of rather strong language I was threatened with
a Hudson's Bay prosecution. in fact I said if the letters were em-
bezzled or opened it was felony. Next day however when the fears
of the crew were dissipated they thought it as well to take no further
notice of it; if they had I was prepared not only to repent what I had
said the night before but to speak my mind more fully. - Their
prosecutions I dont fear but while I am amongst them it may
be in their power to render my situation a little unpleasant perhaps
and therefore it is as well to act with caution. If the letters are not
produced I shall remind Mr V. of what he said on this occasion as well
as the other gentleman who styles himself Prosecutor General. - Mr
Russell and Mr Christie can corroborate my statement.

I regret to find that your people by no means improve in
their health and from what I hear concerning Jackson I am ap-
prehensive he will not long survive. I have not the smallest
doubt but that they might do well if they were safe at Cork the
journey is very precarious certainly but in my opinion if
the man must die where he is he may as well die in the attempt
to save his life. The time is now approaching fast when the
Ships will require every assistance, this man will be able to ren-
der none and if not speedily recovered will probably be of no use
on the passage home. The most salutary measure now that the

weather is becoming mild will be to lodge the whole in tents and not permit one to live in the house, for breathing the putrid air of that room is enough to contaminate the most healthy person and it will be much worse when the weather gets warmer. For some days back I have been busy drawing or rather daubing a sketch of Stuttons for you, but it is so miserably executed that were I to send it now it would be laugh'd at consequently I shall let it remain here until your visit to A. yourself. With Compl't to Capt. Sumner - I am Sir
Yours respectfully
J. M. Hudspeeth

To Mr. Beauvain

Ca. No. April 18. 1816

Dear Sir

On Monday last after a tedious and rather hazardous journey the Men arrived here and handed me your polite Note. The badness of the weather of course precluded the possibility of sending Mr. Jackson as you intended. It is a thousand pities he had not been sent before, now I'm afraid he will scarcely be able to surmount the fatigue of the journey which no one can form any idea of unless he has travelled it. It is ten to one if the men sent to haul the sick across can complete it in one day and if they should have to go round by Goose Tent Island the weather is so precarious at present there is no knowing how long they may be detained there, and how far these sick men are capable of sleeping in the open air, is not for me to determine, not having experienced it myself. I am certainly very sanguine that they should come and would recommend that they run the risk if it is the only probable chance of saving their lives; but Mr. Russell appears decidedly against it and I have no doubt will

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dissuade the Captains from it; he well knows the pain & danger these Men must be exposed to in being dragged 25 miles over rugged Ice, and he shudders at the idea of their dying by the way. I confess I am not so susceptible of those fine feelings, where a little temporary suffering is inflicted for the ultimate good of the patient, and if he dies under the use of means intended to save him, it cannot be help'd. he would have died at any rate. I am sorry to find that some who had recovered from the Scurvy are again relapsing. I hope they are all in Tents, that will be the surest way of preserving the health of those not affected at present.

The Sailors who now return to Stuttons, had nearly returned not only with an unsullied character but even with encomium on their good conduct, but those two turbulent rascals Knight and Woods have I understand been making a pretty kick up last night. The other 4 are decent fellows. - With Compl't. to M^r. Wils. King, Donovan and Ramsay, I remain Dear Sir

Yours sincerely

J. M. Hudspeeth

From Capt. Davison

Stuttons 22nd April 1816

M. Hudspeeth,

I received your kind favor and feel myself oblig'd for your Information. we have given up the thoughts of sending our sick we hope the warmer weather will bring them about, but Jackson's fear will not be with us long, there is very little hopes of him. Your sketch of Stuttons the original was very well done, but make any apology about it. we are in hopes of soon losing the fetters of the Ice and snow, believe me I've quite tired of it. have only got 38 Rabbits, 13 Partridges & 4 Foxes all the winter and have labour'd my hand for them - have given up that business and paying more attention to the Ship - Capt. Sumner desires to be remembered & I subscribe myself - Yours Truly
J. M. Davison

To Capt. Davison, Stutton Lodge
Eastmain, May 19th 1816

Sir

I intended to have done myself the pleasure of paying Stuttons Lodge a visit by this opportunity which in every probability will be the last before the breaking up of the Ice. However since the journey was proposed the weather has put on rather an unfavourable appearance and Mr. K. has dissuaded me from the undertaking. Indeed the advanced period of the Season renders such an expedition rather dangerous. Part of the River here has been broken up for a week past and but for the late cold weather intervening, most likely every bit of Ice would have been out of the river.

Mr. Russell will have told you how unprosperous the season has been for Geese. It is with regret I have to inform you of the fate of your White Partridge, which I had taken every precaution to preserve but one day having it on the top of the House to dry, the Eskimauz Dog - Chy-mo found his way up there and completely destroyed it.

Anxiously hoping to hear of your people being re-established in health and ardently praying for the preservation of the Ships and a speedy release from their hyperborean fetters. With respects to Capt. Turner and all the Gent^l at your table. I subscribe myself Sir

Yours respectfully
J. M. Hudspeeth.

Received a verbal message by the return of the Magsenars that the day before a Boy belonging to the Madlaw was lost, by breaking through the Ice, and an hour or so after this accident the Man John Jackson expired. - A day or two after this, the Ice began to break up.

To Mr. Deansham, Surgeon, Stutton Islands
Eastmain July 2^d 1816

My dear Sir,

As our best and I believe only friend in this country Mr. Russell is proposing to send off the Long Boat tomorrow to attempt getting to Stuttons. I eagerly embrace the opportunity of enquiring after your welfare. - We have been labouring under the most serious concern for our friends at Stuttons for some time back, but more especially now when the time is expired for which you were scantily supplied with victuals. - We too, have been frequently reduced to the last extremity having nothing for the snows, but from the River we generally met with a supply adequate to our immediate wants. - However, even this resource has now failed for we have been endeavouring to catch some Fish with the Spear in order to send with the Long Boat, but we did not get one eatable Fish.

In addition to other calamities you will regret to hear of the loss of the Eddystones sailor Robt. Mann who was at Repasts House. He went out to Hunt Geese about 4 o'clock in the Morning of the 25th of May and never returned. The River Ice had not then given way and as it was in a very precarious state it is supposed he had broken through and was drowned. The Indian Mesquitoe Bay, was also drowned in this River on the 7th of June, but this is of little importance compared with the great loss of European lives which will long render this year memorable in this ill fated country. Some Indians who arrived here from the Southward yesterday, had report that the Ice still so closely environs the Island that they think no vessel can yet reach you, but sincerely hoping this attempt may succeed & if it does that you will soon pay a visit to Eastmain I conclude with respects to self and Magsenars, I am my Dear Sir
Yours sincerely
J. M. Hudspeeth.

From Mr. Beaurain, Surgeon -
 Stuttons July 7th 1816

Dear Sir

I yesterday received your kind letter dated the 2nd Inst. and am truly sorry to hear one more added to our loss, but I must quote the old saying of Pope "Whatever is, is right." Since you last hear from us we have lost the following Men viz: Tho: Switt and Fred: Sestrum our Cook, Adam Russell, and Thos: Fisher the latter had a severe relapse of Pneumonia & died a few Minutes after I entered the Hospital, - the rest in my opinion suffered for want of wholesome fresh provisions Tea, Sugar, Vegetables &c. Soaked biscuit being their only Nourishments with Water. Grant and Glen are quite charmingly. Thompson still continues poorly he seldom or ever gets up or will advice have any effect. I wish he was at East Main or Moose We find the Wild geese and parakeets to have a very good effect.

I am extremely obliged for your kind enquiries after my health, but am sorry to say I have had a touch of the Scum in my legs and gums but am on the list of convalescents. - I should have no objections to a spell at Moose for today's being quite tired of Stuttons.

We have neither Tea, Sugar, Rum &c and but one fresh Meal have we tasted since the 19th of May. Cold Water the Substitute at present which with Salt junk requires a strong requires a strong Stomach to digest, but I trust in God to send a speedy release.

The Eddystone escaped all danger untill the 27th of June when an unlucky piece of Ice drove her high and dry on the Shore & it was feared she would not be able to get off untill very late in the year, but thanks be to the Almighty a very high Tide came on the 6th of July and with all assistance she came

off safe. Give my best respects to Mr. Russell and tell him I shall be much obliged for the Watch Glasses having broke mine the Gentle desire to be remembered to Mr. R. and self together with my best wishes for your health and happiness believe me dear Sir

Yours very truly
 Mr. Beaurain

About this time the 2 Captains came to Eastmain and stopped a week or so. - I joined the Ship at Stuttons on the of July.

From Mr. Hudspeck Surgeon of the Ship Hadlow to
 Mr. Russell Master of Eastmain District.

Stuttons July 25, 1816

Dear Sir

It was intended that a boat should be sent to Eastmain on Monday last, but the winds and weather have been unfavorable all the week and I am now afraid the Hadlow will be gone to Moose before the boat returns from E. M. Capt. Swinner I believe will go direct from here to Moose and not stop at Charlton at all. -

When we arrived here on Friday last according to custom I found nothing but discontent and disorder, indeed the Eddystone's people were in actual mutiny, but as Mr. H. goes with the boat, he will probably acquaint you with these disagreeable proceedings. -

I think it necessary to inform you, - it is understood here, that the boat is sent to E. M. for some letters you intended sending by these Ships, and this may have arisen from Capt. I inadvertently asking me (in presence of some of them) when I thought you would be able to have your letters written? I doubt I shall not have the pleasure of hearing from you here but I fully expect to see you before we leave Moose Road. - it will be the 1st of Aug. to all appearance before we get there and it will then be three weeks or upwards before we are ready for home; by that time, surely the

20 outward bound Ship will have arrived. - The Moose Hallop did not sail from here till Monday morning and we were favoured with Mr Gladman's company on shore occasionally during his stay. We also availed ourselves of the Jean Net being on board the Hallop we made free to use it and caught a few fish. Several Indians were here when we arrived but as they have not been back since, I suspect they are affronted: some of those rascally sailors told them not to bring any more fish for they won't eat them.

It occurred to me that the Cupping Instruments had not been returned to C. M. and I have requested Mr Deaurain to send them. - I never saw Mr B. look better than he does at present. - I believe I forgot the treatise on Craniology or organs of the Brain. I would be obliged to you to send it. As you are undoubtedly very busy I shall not detain you longer therefore give my kindest Complts. to Mr R. and accept of my grateful acknowledgments for the many obligations I am under to you both. Remember me also to my pupils Peg and Kitty and believe me Dear Sir

Your very sincere & respectful Friend
J. M. Haidspeth.

P.S. I have been solicited by a certain person here, to beg the favor of some Ounces if you could conveniently spare a little please it to my account I would thank you but unless it is perfectly agreeable dont do it by any means. I suspect you have had several such applications.

From Mr Geo: Gladman

Moose Factory Aug 2nd 1816

My Dear Haidspeth

I received yours by Capt. D. and was happy to hear of your safe arrival in the Roads. - I arrived here on the 23rd after a pretty fresh breeze which we rode out off the North Bluff. -

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Capt. D. had scarcely landed when the arrival of a gentleman and 4 Canadians was announced - they bring a supply of Indian Corn Flour and Tobacco from Michipicoton - and in the evening Mr McCormick and Mr Dyer arrived from New Brunswick. why the latter gentleman has not proceeded to England I have not discovered. The gentleman that came with the Canadians I understand is going to Hannah Bay from thence along shore to C. M. - Whale River and from thence to the Red River taking the Northern Factories in his route. this is to be after Ship time, I believe. - Mr McCormick's arrival (I should suppose) puts it beyond a doubt that you will not be sent for on Mr D's account. tho' he has stood in much need of a Physician since I have been here, for if Mr Dyer have not had effect, Tuckers (of which we get a few) have. Excuse bad writing and brevity. for a canoe of Indians has just arrived from Albany report that my Brother Henry is no more but that the rest of the family are well. In fact I have no time. So I shall conclude with my best wishes for your safe and happy arrival in England and Compliments to the Gent on Board (in which my Brother joins) and remain - Dear Sir

Yours most Truly

Geo: Gladman

To Mr Geo: Gladman Moose Factory -

On Board the Hadlow Moose Roads
Aug 9th 1816

My Dear Gladman

I received your kind Note by the Schooner which only reached us yesterday, after being nearly a whole week in effecting her passage from Middleburgh. - Our Cargo is about halftin and if we receive it no farther than hitherto we shall be detained in this dangerous place a fortnight longer yet: While Capt. D. was on shore we had a very severe gale which the Ship rode out with difficulty. she drove a considerable distance with 2 Anchors ahead; it will be rather hard I think after escaping so many perils &

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dangers to be lost at Moose at last. You too I find experienced a little of Moose Road weather, we were in hopes you had got in before that Storm came on. - The Eddy Stone has not yet arrived but she can't keep off much longer, Wast will drive them to this fine Place "flowing with milk" tho' not with Honey. -

The Moose Shallop I should suppose will soon be back again from Eastmain and probably Mr Russell and family will come with her. - I am very glad to hear that the Governor is so much better, I conceive it is principally owing to change of Diet. - Luckes being not so rich a fish as Methyl and therefore not requiring such powerful Antidotes to prevent its bad effects on the Stomach and Spirits. - I was somewhat surprized but not displeas'd to hear of Mr Dyer's return from Montreal inasmuch as all attempts to intercept & stop your father proved ineffectual, I hope you shall soon have the pleasure of seeing him safe from England by the early arrival of the Company's ship, which we are all anxiously expecting. I am sorry to hear of the Death of your Brother. Do you expect your Mother from Albany against Shiptima? My Mispractices join with me in Compl't. to your Brother & Self - & I remain Dear Sir

Yours very sincerely
J. M. Hudspeth

From Mr Geo. Gladman to Mr Hudspeth, Surgeon
Moose Fact^y. Aug 11th 1816

My Dear Hudspeth

Yours of the 9th was handed me on Sunday and I wish you safe out of your perilous situation, but I am apprehensive you will not receive your cargo faster or so fast as you have done, but Mr. V. expects that another load of the Schooner and Party will be near as much as you will be able

to take. and he seems much surprized that the Eddy Stone does not make her appearance on either of the Shallops. - I am afraid Mr Russell with all his endeavours will be much behind with his Accounts. - upon my word I have been put out of Countenance most completely. - the Bundles of Furs were brought out the other day to be marked, and a certain Gentleman asked "whose round ugly Bundle is that?" another replied, "Sir, it is an Eastmain Bundle" - and they all say the 6th Bundles are slovenly packed. - and in another instance, I have been informed that only Extracts of Mr. Russell's Public Letters have been entered in the Moose Correspondence Book as they say they are ashamed to copy such Nonsense and they attribute it to me in copying them till they received one in his own hand writing.

I have learnt from Mr Dyer that they were almost lost in going over the Country by Mr Spence having strained his knee that he was scarcely able to walk and Mr Leash (the Man they had with them) was lazy & sometimes pretended to be ill, so that at times Mr Dyer had those sleds to haul and he always hauled his own and a part of Leash's Victuals so that it was not with ease they made out the journey. Mr McLeas it is expected will be soon on his way to this place he is at present employed in conveying provisions from the Sault St. Mary's across Lake Superior to Meshipicaton to supply the Company's Settlements in that Quarter. - I understand almost every District in the Southern Department has made a good Trade but Moose and it is not much left than last year. - Mr McLeas would have prevented the Canadians from getting a single Bundle had he had Provisions to persevere in the active measures with which he commenced, Mr Dyer I understand is homeward bound likewise some other Gentlemen here at present. We are in daily expectation of arrivals from Inland and I am persuaded that if they do not make a little more haste the writings will be much behind hand. - I expect my Mother does come from Albany by the next conveyance - the Albany Shallop having received a little damage is the cause of their not being here before. - There are some Gents here who expect news from England daily by the way of Montreal upon what grounds they rest

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this expectation I am at a loss to conceive. - I have herein enclosed
a list of the Months in the Indian language thinking you had not
got the names of those two Months yet - it is in the Moose language
according to the Author's account. My Wishes join in Complts.
to yourself and the other Agents on board and I remain Sir

Yours Most Truly
Geo Gladman

Am very anxious for the arrival of the Ship from England -
also for the Moose Shallop. G. G.

From Mr Russell. Master Castmain District
Castmain 29th July. 1816

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your agreeable
favours by Mr Wild and consider myself much obliged for your com-
munications on different subjects. - These wretched people belong-
ing to the Eddystone should (if possible) be punished in some
way or other. but our lawyers in Hudson's Bay (you know) make
it a point only to punish the Innocent. This points out their
good abilities being able to punish those that in other Countries
it is the general maxim to protect. - Methy does this - ha ha -
Mr Wild and I eat Methy for our Supper last night.

Nothing particular has occurred at Castmain since
your departure hence, plenty of business and more to help.
The evening of the same day that you left here the Naasquis-
cow Canoes (3 in number) arrived and as usual not a single
person in them that could render me any assistance in regard
to Packing &c &c. I am heartily tired and would wish to be off
but God knows when that happy day will arrive.

I am sure you will not see me at Moose, I do not expect
they will send the Moose Shallop hither before the latter part
of Shiptime, however I shall be happy to be mistaken

and shall consider it a smile from Fortune to have the pleasure
of once more seeing you before you begin to tread in the Path of
Pleasure, lest then you become proud and forget an old saying.

Thanks for your information respecting the fetching of my letters
it has enabled me to write Mr Vincent that the Boat was sent hither
in order to get the Eddystone's Pump Boxes repaired and which is
strictly true. I should have supposed that Capt. Turner would
have been more cautious, but there is little trust to be placed in
any of them it's my belief. Your Books are now sent in the
care of Mr Wild and in the Medicinal Book is a Treasure* of
great value - part with your Life sooner than part with
that before you arrive home and then I hope you will make the
proposed use of it; whatever may be the consequence to me I
am resigned - things cannot be much worse than it is and youth
it makes me independent. - I hope you will write me before
you sail for Europe and leave the letter in the care of Mr Christie
or Mr Gladman which you please, Christie perhaps would do best
because he will be on board the Howdow but request him not to
mention it to any one. - I have got nothing further to say, but
that my whole little Family joins me in our best and sincere
good wishes for your health and happiness. if you prosper as
well as we wish, you will have no reason to curse your Lot
and in the mean time persist me to subscribe myself.

Your sincere Friend
James Russell

In your parcel is a pair of Indian Shoes for Mr Donovans
which I beg you will deliver to him (with my respects as also
to Mr King) - R -

* This invaluable Treasure was a Packet addressed to the Governor,
Deputy Governor & Committee of the Hon. Hudson Bay Company
which Packet I delivered to them on the 29th Nov. 1816.

To Mr. Jas. Russell at Moose Factory
 On Board the Hadlow. Moose Roads
 Aug^r 16th 1816

My dear Sir,

Capt. D has just come on Board from the
 Eddystone and informs me he and Capt. T. have agreed to go
 up to Moose this afternoon which scarcely affords me time to ac-
 knowledge the receipt of your parcel containing a few
 Books &c. after hunting some time I at last found your
 very kind letter, which however I shall take no notice of
 at present, as I shall reserve all communications and enquiries
 until we have an interview. - In the mean time I shall
 treasure up the contents of the medicinal Bosh with the
 utmost fidelity and care. - It is at least beyond a doubt
 that our letters were not forwarded to Europe, the other officers of
 this Ship, all except myself have had theirs returned to them.
 I imagine mine are with-held in order to furnish me
 for smacking myself so busy in bringing the Affair to light,
 for I am still so sceptical to be imposed on by any of their
 flimsy excuses pretences. I had intended not to go ashore at all
 but as you are now arrived I must see you. I having half pro-
 mised to do myself the pleasure of paying Mr Christie a visit
 I will probably go up with the Schooner next time she comes down.
 Remember me most kindly to Mr R and family & believe me, My D^r S^r.
 Your very sincere & faithful friend
 Geo. Mc Hudspeth

P.S. Have the goodness to present my compl^{ts} to Mr Gladman and
 apologize for my not writing to him at present want of time will not
 permit me. & as I hope to see him soon, that will answer the same purpose.

From Mr Christie T.M.R. to Mr Hudspeth. Moose Roads
 Mr Christie's Compliments to Mr Hudspeth and would be extremely
 glad to see him by the return of the Schooner. -
 Aug^r 15th 1816.
 I accepted Mr C's invitation and went up in the Schooner.

From Mr Russell to Mr Hudspeth Surgeon on Board the Hadlow. Moose Roads
 Moose Aug^r 26th 1816

My Dear Sir

Mr. Donovan has just handed me your agreeable favor
 (as it is not repaid) and my impatience to answer it will not admit of the smallest
 delay. tho it is now about 11 o'clock P.M. - I write a letter for you today but on
 the receipt of yours I have thought proper to commit it to the Flames.
 Since your departure hence I am led to believe my letter to the Hon^{ble} C^{ts}
 will have the desired effect (and I am sure of it) - be assured they must pass
 and the sooner the better, every thing appears favorable that this will be
 the last year of their having the chief management of the Company's
 affairs. - Have the goodness to keep my letter for the Committee until
 you either see me in London or hear from me but if you do not see
 me something very extraordinary will be the case as I am fully
 determined to take my Passage home in the outward bound Ship. I
 congratulate you on your narrow escape in the Gale of Wind which
 you mention in your Letter. - but I must likewise congratulate you
 on your escape from this miserable country - I should consider myself
 a happy Man if I was as near leaving it - Chains of Iron would be
 much more tolerable for me, than to be at this place for any length
 of time, tho both Vincent and Beioley have declared that they bear me
 no malice whatever but on the contrary. - Mr Vincent has declared
 since I have been here that Beioley is totally unfit to have the charge
 of any part of the Company's affairs, except the keeping of the Accounts
 that the live Stock &c is totally neglected. A Cow has died since

your departure hence (as also her Calp.) I would give a considerable sum of his Lordship was in London on my arrival there, he would make things still better for my purpose, but I am sorry to observe he is to winter in Canada again. nevertheless if I return by that route I shall have the pleasure of seeing him there which will do equally well.

Betsy and Key are much better of their colds but your ^{Wife} Lord is much affected with it my speech now is actually like the breaking of a Stag and was you to meet me accidentally in the dark you would suppose that I was the spirit of one of those poor creatures which you had the cruelty to throw into the Mouth of the Eskimauy Dog at Baston air. - Betsy and Key unite with me in wishing you every happiness that this troublesome World can afford. may you have a pleasant Passage home, and have the pleasure of seeing all your friends in perfect good health. - Mr. Specter becomes still more ghastly and in my opinion will alarm us all if he is not soon removed hence. - he is now an entire skeleton - sends his Compliments to you and says he will be a fit subject for the faculty soon. - Time is short with me therefore I must only add that you will always be held in the warmest esteem, by

My Dear Sir

Your Sincere Friend
James Russell

To Mr Jas Russell, Moore Factory
Moore Roads, Aug 29th 1816

My Dear Sir

By Capt. D's return last Night I was favored with your very welcome and acceptable letter. I shall strictly follow your directions in regard to what you have committed to my charge.

It will always afford me a great gratification to meet with you after a long absence but I confess if I see you in London soon after my return, it will be a pleasure mingled with regret. the favorable reception of your letter, the construction they may put on your motives, & the effects it may produce are very uncertain at best, it may procure the you the return of the Compa-ny or it may involve you in trouble, and I think unless the issue was certain it would be a pity to hazard the life of a years income through a too arduous zeal for the general good. As I am a bit of an Economist myself I sometimes remind my neighbours of the old proverb "a Penny saved is Twopence got". However you seem to hint that some-thing has recently transpired that leads you to expect success and there-fore you are best able to determine what plan is best to be pursued.

At the same time I would earnestly recommend you to give the subject a mature consideration before you resolve to leave the coun-try, by being to precipitate you might injure your family and destroy your own peace of mind. If any thing material has happened since I was at Moose, I shall know something about it. The Old Man since he came on Board has been very cross and surly and studiously silent on every topic of that kind, and I have not the curiosity to pry into what don't concern me.

Donovan is going on much in his old way getting drunk getten as long as he has it his power. - he is a disagreeable, deceitful, mischievous fellow and I wonder how he has carried on his duplicity so long without detection: when he was alongside the Eddystone last time the Schooner was down, he made himself very busy in informing the Officers of that ship of all the little tattles respecting them, that he had heard at Moose and gleaned in his voyages backwards & forwards and I have no doubt but he has given rise to a distrust between them and Capt. D. besides he went amongst the people, told them he was glad to hear they were all Trowsers and to prove his sincerity distributed Tobacco & amongst theingleaders, and so on. - this is one of the exemplary Officers of which Davison boasts. Mr Beansain is quite of temper with Mr D. & for disregarding his several letters and me pages, he tells me he wrote

rather a petulant letter last time and he intends giving him a severe rubbing up before going off. Poor Man! he is not sensible of his own impudence, and how much he is putting it in the power of his enemies to do him an injury. He paid the Night with us a few evenings ago and as Methy is a general favorite we served it up for Supper, in return he paid me the same Compliment as you received from Wild and M. Coornick, There are similar scenes and similar scenes & occurrences I was a total stranger to before I became a sojourner in Hudson's Bay but I hope all the bad habits I have imbibed in this Country have got so little hold of me yet, that I shall be able to shake them all off on my return to civilized life. Yet I don't execrate or even dislike the Country because it fosters a few despicable individuals for I now repeat what I have sometimes told you that I never spent any part of my life more contentedly than the last 10 months. - happy in my lot compared with that of my fellow sufferers, and let Hudson's Bay be what it will I can never help holding that part of with which I am best acquainted, in grateful remembrance.

I am happy to hear of M. Kuffell's recovery. - make my most loving Complts. to her, likewise give a kiss to Pig and tell her I sent it. I hope your own indisposition is also leaving you.

If it is really true that M. Gladman keeps declining as you represent, I am truly alarmed about him, he would appear to me to be on the verge of Consumption. I have written to his brother on the subject and offered a little salutary advice to himself which I am afraid however he will disregard.

It is remarkable the Ship from Britain don't arrive, that there have been plenty of fair winds for her, we know to our cost. She must either have met with obstruction from the Ice or something worse may be the cause of her non appearance.

What will be the consequence if no Ship comes out at all? We are now in such a haste to get away that if a gale of wind had not luckily intervened and prevented us getting our Provisions &c

on Board I should not have had time to write this long letter. We have encountered many a storm and survived many a danger whilst Capt. I was staying on shore. I expected soon to have repeated my visit to Moose or to have made my Bed in the Deep. We have several times been capering about dragging two benches & the ends of our cables after us. - we have had our Tolly Boat washed out of the Tabele at the Stem and carried away by the Wave. - we dove upon the Edystone and narrowly escaped sinking each other. - we have lost our wasps, hawsers, towlines & kegs and lastly we have like our best Cable* or only safe-guard, and our dependance has been on an old rotten thing scarcely trust-worthy in fine weather, much less in this vile place. - moreover all this time we had no light on Board (i.e. no candles) and if necessity compelled us to stand out to Sea we had no Provisions. You will agree with me that we were in a most shamefully destitute situation & things ought to have been otherwise. The Old Man is in a terrible fidget now to get off.

I have nearly filled my Sheet which obliges me to conclude, & I take my leave of you for the present, and I hope the day will come when I shall have the pleasure of meeting you again to talk of better times. Have the goodness to present my best respects to M. Christie and to any one else you may think it worth while, even to your Un-te-go-rist.

I have the honor to subscribe myself with much respect and lasting regard. My dear Sir

Yours very sincere & faithful Friend
J. M. Hudspeeth

* In the afternoon of this day we were ready for Sea but another Gale of wind came on and prevented us weighing anchor, during the night the cable again parted.

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To Mr Geo. Gladman, Moose Fort, N^o America

On Board the Madlow in the Obnoxious Roads off
Moose, Aug^r 29th 1816

My Poor, Pitiful, Worthy, Good, Dear Young Friend - May, dont smile, this is the language of pure commiseration. You tell me you will be a fit subject for the faculty soon. I think you are so already, therefore I sit down with the most important gravity to give you a little advice. But, as it is unusual with me to lavish away my professional requirements without a reward, I shall only give you a part just now and reserve the better half of my instructions until I receive my fee.

In the first place, you are not to sit scribbling from Morn till night and from night till Morning scribbling over a parcel of Baldedash and making waste paper for their Honors to wipe their b-k-des with. - Do no such thing. - take care of yourself, if you dont, nobody else will; - There are some at Moose who will be much better paid than you for doing nothing, but something, eating, drinking and bedding whuse chief, and I think you are a great fool for bringing yourself to Death's Door for any of them. Now, attend to what I say - You must work more and think less, - you must take a good deal of exercise, - rise as early as you please write a while if you like. - if the morning is fine bathe in the River. - for an hour before breakfast do nothing but run after and teaze the girls; - jump and cance and run and frisk about, laugh and talk and make a noise as if you were mad and when you go in, to Breakfast endeavour to look as if you would eat. - not only all that's on, but all that's at the table. now to Business again till dinner time. after dinner for half an hour put all the girls in an uproar and then

be very sedate and industrious till supper time. - after supper if the weather is fine, walk out till you are almost tired and then when you go to Bed, there is little doubt but you will enjoy an undisturbed and refreshing repose. - But perhaps I am prematurely laying down all these salutary rules, before I have enquired, considered and determined what are the predisposing, accidental, & proximate cause of your complaints, for it now strikes me that you may be affected with that dreadful malady the Hudson's Bay, Mania or an inordinate appetite for that fish, vulgarly known by the name of Methy or Maria. Now if this is the case in addition to all my other wholesome injunctions I would enjoin temperance. - Be temperate, young Man. -

This fascinating and delectable fish is even to be had in Moose Roads and as our hooks seem to be most successful our brother Officers in the other Ship have paid us a few visits, not so much for the sake of good fellowship as for the sake of good cheer. - for they are all very fond of Methy, and they are not very ceremonious neither for they dont scruple to repeat their visit again and again altho it is never returned, however I expect there is now an end to all irregularity, and in a few days I hope to inhale the breeze that wafts us towards the happy shores of Old England.

This is probably the last opportunity I shall have of either writing to or hearing from you and therefore my dear friend I would recommend to your attention the care of your own health and altho the above remarks are written in a jocular stile, if you will make a bond as far as you can of the plan I have recommended to you, I am certain you will reap advantage from it. I have written to your brother, requesting him to make you do it. - and I say you must do it, or else you'll die. Adieu. God bless you. - and believe me,

Yours sincerely
J. N. Hardspeeth

Farewell, - always remember me;
Especially, dont forget my fee.

To Mr Joseph Gladman, Moose Factory

Moose Roads, Aug^r 29th 1816

Mr Jos^r Gladman

Sir,

You will perhaps think it odd to receive an Epistle from one a person whom you are scarcely acquainted with, but the interest I feel for your brother George's welfare induces me to give you a little friendly advice as I had no opportunity whilst I was at Moose to talk to you on the subject.

I assure I was truly concerned to observe such an alteration on his looks in the short space of 2 or 3 weeks and I understand instead of improving his health is still declining, it must be owing to intense application to his books without exercise or any respite whatever from day break till night. If you will use your influence to wean him from these sedentary habits if it is his own choice, but if it is imposed upon him advise him not to submit to it. The preservation of his health or I should say his life ought to supersede every other consideration and surely one or two hours relaxation from business in the course of the Twenty four will deduct but little from the sum of a whole day's application. Now I am serious. I really think your brother in a very critical state, and tho' he may labour under no sensible indisposition, it is impossible he can decay so rapidly without some cause and the approach of disease is sometimes very insidious. I am certain you would not wish to lose him & consider what a shock it must be to your good father when he arrives and has to lament the loss of one son & find another bordering on the grave. - But sincerely hoping my fears may prove groundless and wishing you a happy sight of your father from Britain & of all your relatives in this country, I remain Sir

Your Obed^t Serv^t

J. M. Hudspeeth

To Miss Hudspeeth & J. Young's Esq^r Clerk by Kinross

On Board the Shadow at Sea

Oct 20, 1816

My dear Sister

I expect you have by this time heard of my return from my travels & perhaps you are accusing me of conspiracy & inattention for not writing to you sooner. I confess I am sometimes culpable that way and may be led soon and then into negligence from a consciousness that I shall readily obtain forgiveness. At present I shall plead no excuse for the fact is, I did not know when you might be met till I arrived in Behney for I received no letters till then all the preceding ones have been sent I don't know where, consequently my information on various subjects is yet very imperfect. I have been told that Robt has been in the South of England and in London but on what occasion I am left in the dark and where he is at present I don't know. If in Edinburgh he would hear of me through my friend E.D.W. to whom I wrote from Behney. I also dispatched a letter to Bowden on the instant of my arrival and I expect one from thence to welcome my arrival in London containing a full and circumstantial account of every thing important. At present I cannot promise to pay a visit to the North as I am not determined what path I may next pursue. I have partly resolved never more to go abroad, then of course the other alternative is to stay at home. Had my last voyage been to India it might have been well but so much time has been lost and to undertake a voyage thither now would drain me again of the little I have acquired and I was sensible that money is not to be made without a hospital or an eye of patient perseverance and rigid economy, at best it is a visionary pursuit and I am tired of it already therefore the sooner I get settled the better. - but where am I to fix my residence? I have been thinking Bowden will be a tolerably good situation & I could commence at less expense there than any where else. - I shall be glad to hear my dear Sister what you think of this project. I have not had an opportunity of mentioning it to my father yet. - I shall soon see my friend Boulton his opinion may influence but won't controul my choice.

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You will of course expect some account of my voyage: - but really I have given so many histories of it already that it strikes me every body must know it: and any additional narration appears superfluous; however in case your curiosity should not be sufficiently gratified I shall briefly recapitulate the principal incidents that have occurred since I left Britain. - You already know that I embarked on board the *Hadlow* with a view of accompanying a number of Emigrants from the Highlands of Scotland to Hudson's Bay in N. America, from whence they were to proceed a considerable way into the Interior to a Colony which is now settling under the auspices of the Earl of Selkirk. - That the first place we touched at was - *Thurso* in Caithness, that it abounds with amiable & beautiful young ladies, that we were honoured with universal attention and of course that I spent a short week very happily, that next we visited *Stornoway* in Orkney from thence sailed for Hudson's Bay - that we had a good passage across the Atlantic. - that in Hudson's Straits and Bay we met with a great deal of Ice. - that such Navigations I was no stranger to. - that we arrived at York Fort on the 26th of Aug^r and disembarked all the passengers. that on the 7th of Sept we proceeded for Moose River at the southern extremity of the western Mediterranean that on the 13th Sept we sailed again for England. - but that we found Hudson's Straits so glutted with Ice we could not effect our passage through it consequently we were obliged to remain all winter in that Country. - The Two Ships (for we had a partner) with their Officers and crews were quartered on some miserable desolate Islands and suffered many hardships from which I alone was exempted. The 2 Ships arrived there on the 19th of Oct^r and our Surgeon being sufficient to attend the people it was my good fortune to be sent to a neighbouring Factory on the Mainland where I lived in perfect comfort and harmony with Mr Ruffell the Governor there and his Squaw a very nice woman. I have care & attention to me I should be ungrateful to pass over in silence.

The Winter commenced in the beginning of Nov^r with such force

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that immediately the rivers were all frozen over and the Sea itself became an extensive tract of solidity. From the commencement of the New Year until the middle of May a constant intercourse was kept up between the Factory and the Skutten Islands. Fresh Beef and other supplies were dragged over the Ice on sledges from time to time and I a few times took a trip over the frozen Ocean to visit my comrades, the distance is nearly the same as between Dover and Calais a pretty long walk in the *Stardom* Dancing pumps of that country (Snow shoes) of 4 feet in length & breadth in proportion. The cold is excessive; it will be difficult for you to conceive a degree of cold that will freeze quicksilver so solid as to be malleable to any extent. Sometimes the Thermometer is 90° below the freezing point and it is very commonly - when the Therm^r rises to the cypher or to above it, the weather is called warm and if it approaches to that degree of cold which we experience on the slight frosts of our Country, the doors and windows are set open because of the heat. - but it is only sudden vicissitudes that makes this great difference for in the Summer when the weather is very hot a common cold day in our climate is just as sensibly felt here.

The most extreme degree of cold is supportable out of doors when the Atmosphere is still but when the wind blows the face inevitably gets frozen. - all other parts of the body are sufficiently protected. - My daily occupation was hunting but owing to an unusual scarcity of game I was not very successful. I will tell you the produce of my whole winter's sport as near as I can recollect. - White Partridges 30 - Wood Partridges 10 or a dozen. - Pheasants a dozen or more. - Hares 30 (in the winter they are white). - Foxes upwards of 20. of various colours viz White Black Red & Mixed. - Lastly 2 Musk Beavers. Geese are so numerous in the Spring and Fall that on plentiful seasons one person has shot 100 in a day, and partridges are sometimes so thick that 300 have been brought in before breakfast, and what will surprise you the women shoot as well as the Men and frequently go with their guns for the sake of amusement. - They are also the best Trap catchers and at fishing they cannot be excelled. But last season there was a general falling off of every thing and as much dependance is placed in this precarious mode of living, the scarcity gave rise to some melancholy consequences.

such, as starving to death for want of food. - We lost 14 of our Men - 12
died of the Scurvy and two were drowned by accident. - The country
upon the whole is very far from being a disagreeable one, but the
Company's affairs are ill conducted. - the Por di ant G o v e r n e r n e r s
is absolute and cruel, he, and two or three of his Parasites are the
only ones who make money and these do it chiefly by inflicting
misery and pinching their fellow creatures. - Lord Selkirk's
Colony is far in the Interior. - there is no intercourse between it
that part of the country where we were, consequently we did not hear
how these poor creatures we transported there, were faring; at Strom-
ness we had the very feasible report, that several of them had starved
to death and that 14 others with Mr Scoble (the Governor general
of all the Hudson's Bay Territory) had been massacred either by the
Natives or by the Servants of the Montreal N^o 1. - Every one I
have conversed with agree in speaking in the highest terms of the
fertility and richness of the Soil. it is 2 years since the first attempts
were made to settle it, by sending a number of people from Iceland
and the western Isles, since then more or less have gone out annually
but still it does not prosper. 2 years ago nearly the whole of the Settlers
deserted at and went to Canada. - the last party viz. that which we
brought out consisted chiefly of Old Men, women & young children
who expected to find that part of their families which had preceded
them settling in plenty & in every way prepared to receive them.
but alas! they were all gone: they had burned their habitations
and left their fields desolate and nothing is more probable than
that most of them have perished. Lord Selkirk is now visiting
the unfortunate Colony himself and he will either form some
salutary regulations or abandon his schemes altogether.

It was not till August that the Ice permitted us to leave our
wintering place and go to Moose. - at Moose we were detained
about a Month and sailed for Britain on the 1st of Sept^r. I
suppose you it was with joyful hearts we took our leave of Hudson's Bay

and bid adieu to the Ice which continued to pester us until we were finally
into the Atlantic again. - On the 15th of Oct: we reached Stromness sailed
from Orkney again on the 22nd since that date my mind has been harass-
ed with hopes, fears and disappointments. - Having strong foul winds
we were at one time proposing putting into Leith, again we were on
the point of going in to Shields and at present I am writing under
the prospect of running for the Humber.

I presume you already know that the District in which I lived in
the Western world was Labrador, but not in those parts inhabited by the
Esquimaux. - all the woody countries are possessed by the Indians the Es-
quimaux being much persecuted by the latter are forced to live in the barren
tracts to the North where they generally procure a subsistence by the sea-
side. they are a numerous race living in society. - those who are civilized
are a meek, harmless, happy people, those in a state of barbarism
still possess some of the savage disposition. - they come off on board to
the Ships and barter their Skins, Oil, Whalebone & Ivory for pieces of
old Iron, old Nails or any Trinkets. The Indians, their Nomadic life
excepted I don't think differ in any respect from the European peasantry,
they are sensible, intelligent, active and ingenious. - their taste for
savage finery is almost exploded, and they prefer a good coat to a fine one
their caps is all of European Manufacture and it is every ones ambition
to have their family as decently clothed as possible. - the women like
women every where rather indulge in finery and when their circumstan-
ces will allow it, the summit of their ambition is a dress of Scarlet cloth,
a bag ornamented with beads, and a cloak decorated with Sables or Rib-
bons. - they are very fond of Lapdogs too and every one carries a
Ridicule. a Bag elegantly adorned with beads, Porcupine Quills &c. this
useful appendage is probably seldom enriched with such precious ar-
ticles as a Geneva Pocket Watch, a smelling Bottle, or a Lane Opuscle, but
if its contents were displayed, they would be found equally luxurious
and infinitely more desirable, such as a Tobacco Pipe, a piece of Tobacco,
Materials for striking a light, a Knife & a piece of Fat or perhaps the

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entrails of some animal to suppress Hunger. These Indians
profess no formal Religion but believe in supernatural beings.
They say there is a Good and an Evil Spirit and expect in a world
hereafter to be rewarded or punished for the deeds done in their
life time. They would very readily embrace Christianity if the
Light of the Gospel was diffused amongst them, but the Company
from interested motives have hitherto thought proper to keep
them in darkness.

Nov 1st Since writing the preceding part of this Letter
we have arrived in Gosport Roads and as there is at present no
prospect of a speedy passage to London, I shall dispatch it
from hence. I don't know where I shall live in London but
if you direct for me at Mr. Sturys, your Epistle will find its way
to me. I hope you will write immediately; if you don't I
shall be very angry; if you do, I still remain

Your very affectionate Brother
Gosport, Nov 1st 1816. — J. M. Hudspeth —

To Mr Baker, Surgeon. Leatherhead.

Mr Baker, 13 Kingschool St. Southth Nov 28th 1816

Sir,

When I had the pleasure of seeing you I had
formed a determination to commence in practice in Northwichester
berland but since that, I have received a letter from my father
who endeavours to dissuade me from that step on account of the
present poverty of the neighbourhood and the number of Medical
Men of late have resorted there. I therefore think it proper to
inform you that I have not yet resolved what I shall do, and
beg to know whether your offers to take me into partnership were
sincere and if so, on what terms? If I find I can accede to your

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proposals, I shall be very happy to do it. I understand the
National Vaccine Institution extend their benefactions to the Country
and if the Premium which they allow could be obtained for a Post at
Leatherhead. This might afford one method of extending your
practice thro' the medium of a Partner whose interest it would be
to attend to it particularly. I think it would be one very probable
way of introducing him to notoriety.

A Gentleman of my acquaintance has just now jumped
into the late Mr Brown's practice at Esher under very advantageous
circumstances, his Patrons & principal patients are the Prince
and Princess Cobourg to whom he was recommended & introduced
by Roste the Surgeon & others of ^{similar} respectability. The Larder of the
House - Crown's Furniture and Stock he has purchased at a most
reasonable bargain - He only went down yesterday to take possession.
With respects to Mr Baker, I am Sir,

Your very Obliged Humble Servant
J. M. Hudspeth —

From Mr Baker to Mr Hudspeth —

Leatherhead, 29th November 1816

My Dear Sir,

I have rec^d yours of the 28th have no objections to
take you as a Partner, if we can agree as to terms, the better way will
be for you to come here and let us talk the matter over, as the
premium will depend on the Share of the business you may require

I remain D^r Sir

Yours Sincerely

Geo: T. Baker —

To Mr. Baker, Surgeon Leatherhead
3^d Freeschool St. Dec^r 5. 1816

Mr Baker
Sir,

I duly received your favor of the 29th Ult^o, but I hope you will dispense with my going to Leath^r until you have given me some explanation of what your views are. I should suppose you have no intention of disposing of so large a share as one Half of your Business at present, and if you would have the goodness to mention what you expect for any proportion under that, I should be able to form some conclusion as to what I may be able to do, and then I shall be very happy to treat with you personally on the subject.

I remain, Sir

Your Oblig^d Humble Serv^t

J. Mo. Hudspeeth.

From Mr. Steery Surgeon Beaumontsey to Mr. Hudspeeth
Grange Road, Dec^r 25. 1816

Sir

Accept this as a small token of respectful regard & if I am unfortunate in the selection it may perhaps at some distant period bring to your recollection one, who feels solicitously anxious for your welfare & who ardently wishes every possible success may attend your present undertaking.

I am

With perfect sincerity
Your Oblig^d Friend
Henry Steery.

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From Mr. J. Coultter in Paris to Mr. Hudspeeth in London

Rue de Surcoure 25 Feb^r St Honoré
Paris Dec^r 2ⁿ 1816

My dear friend

During my absence from England for nearly two years the last two years, I assure you that I have not experienced a greater pleasure than the receipt of your welcome epistle. - On my arrival from India the first thing I did was to enquire about my dear friend Hudspeeth. I could not procure any positive or satisfactory information about you: Some told me you were gone to S. America another to New S. Wales and a third fourth and fifth that you were gone on an expedition to America. - Henderson's Son (the banker's clerk) said he supposed you were gone to Greenland tho' he had been informed that you were gone Doctor of a Ship to N. S. Wales. I have repeatedly written to the North requesting to know where you were. The accounts were that you were gone Surgeon of a Ship which had a great many passengers to America, here then I was placed in this unhappy predicament until the receipt of your kind letter. I am now perfectly reconciled and shall lose no time in posting from France to enjoy what I have so long and ardently wished for i.e. the pleasure of your society, which I shall ever value above any other. I need not tell you that my friendship for you is founded on the most fixed basis and neither time, climate nor fortune shall ever alter it. I am the same Mr Coultter that I was when we last parted, and am convinced that I will find you the same John Hudspeeth!!

Well my dear Johnny here I am. - Where? nothing less than in Paris with all the great People that have more money to spend

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than they know what to do with. Let me tell you my dear friend
that I am much delighted with my trip to France & have every
reason to rejoice that I have undertaken it. - You I suppose like
many others will consider my journey here as an act of
extravagance, it however is not so & I trust soon to convince
you of its ultimate advantage to me. - I wish to god you could
have accompanied me hither, you I am sure would have
been enraptured with delight and admiration. - I am
busily employed in Dissecting, and there are a few particular
parts which I wish to attend to and as soon as I have dissected
them, will leave Paris without delay. - you may expect to
see me in London about the 19th Inst. - perhaps a few days
before or after. - I have so many melancholy & so many
pleasing stories to tell you that it would be foolish to begin
here. - we must just wait till I have the pleasure of
taking one side of a good fire with you when we shall settle
all our state affairs. I think long, very long indeed for
this pleasure. - The weather here is excessively cold, indeed
I feel it much more than I ever did in Spitzbergen, at
this moment my fingers are so frozen that I can scarce
hold the pen. - Dr Baker has made you another offer
do not engage without it be on liberal principles. - I
find you have some notion of being the Bowdler Doctor,
well, very well, & I think with proper attention you
may do well. - Present my best regards to your father
and mother when you write, I have made numer-
ous enquiries about them. - Present my respects to
all the good folks at that sweet little Cottage Ascot Place.
You will see by this what bustle I am in, you must
excuse it & sincerely believe that I am your Most

Affectionate friend
John Coulter -

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From Mr Hudspeth to Mr H. Sterry Junr -
Ascot Place, Bermondsey, London

Bowdler, Feb 12, 1817

My Dear Henry

A month has now elapsed since I fixed
my residence in this secluded spot and I feel as if emerging
once more from the dull sameness of a rural life to take a
peep at the hurry, bustle and gaiety of London when I take up
my pen to indulge in a short gossip with you. - Of the many
acts of kindness I have received from your worthy father I value
none so highly as his apparent wish that I would correspond
with you; it strengthens that esteem and veneration which I ex-
tend for your family and it is an honour I shall always be
proud of. - Epistolary correspondence is frequently the basis of
the most sincere the most lasting friendships, and I earnestly hope,
nothing may ever intervene to check that social intercourse I am
desirous to keep with you. - To proceed in the usual routine of
real and familiar friends, we shall from time to time make
each other acquainted with our separate occupations, pursuits,
prospects, pastimes, pleasures, enjoyments, disappointments,
hopes, fears, griefs, difficulties, dangers, disasters, &c &c. some-
times it may be necessary to congratulate at other times
^{proper} necessary to console. - On all occasions reserve and formality must
be laid aside. - all foibles and imperfections pointed out with
perfect candour and rules prescribed for amendment. - Being
the Senior I may perhaps be apt to assume occasionally
a Monitorial character and incline to give advice or convey
reproof and shall expect acquiescence and contrition or then
a justification on your part. - A misunderstanding will some-
times take place and a counterfeit quarrel kept up with great

spirit and good humour for ¹⁰⁶some time a little while. I expect great entertainment from your sprightly sallies of wit & much information from the wisdom of your learned lucubrations. - One thing I have to request, namely that you will consider the advantages you derive from a superior education and be charitable enough not to ridicule my blunders. - Having made these preliminary observations I shall now give you some account of myself. - my protracted stay in London was rather unfortunate as it allowed an opportunity of an opponent to establish himself in this neighbourhood. - but he met with little encouragement, what you would scarcely expect to hear, M' Boulter's friends & connexions are the principle indeed the only patrons of this interloper; with this exception all the respectable people near us have been on my side. - my friend Boulter's arrival amongst us has changed the sentiments of his connexions also, the man himself (who is a total stranger here) has recently incurred the obloquy of giving deleterious medicines and the public who are very censorious hereabouts are making so free with his character that he will soon be obliged to decamp for his reputation is completely blasted. - Among other reports it is almost ridiculous to mention that he is represented to be, young Watson the rebel & assassin. -

With respect to myself I have no reason to complain, tho' I have not had much to do. I have not passed a day since my commencement without doing a little & I think with a little patience there is every probability of my succeeding as well as I can wish.

When I was at Newcastle I enquired of my Glafman the terms on which he could supply a practitioner in London with Vials and as near as I can recollect, they are as follows. - Draughts 34 or 36 Shillings pⁿ. Gross. 3oz 4/6 4oz 4/6 - 6oz 5/6. - the freight to be paid to the Wharf in London

a deduction of 2 1/2 per cent is made for breakage, a discount of ¹⁰⁷20 per cent is allowed with the usual credit and 5 pⁿ cent more for ready money. - if your father thinks he can be supplied with phials in this way at less expence than getting them in London I would beg to refer him to J. Price & Co which is the House from whence I got my Bottles, but it will be necessary to order a good quantity at a time to make it worth their while transporting them. - my stock just cost me £10. -

Having now fulfilled my promise I rely on your making good yours; I shall be extremely happy to hear from you as soon as convenient; your favor will be doubly agreeable if written in French, and the longer your letter it will be the more acceptable. - Before I conclude permit me to return my warmest acknowledgements for the very handsome manner in which M' Terry conveyed to me a token of his approbation and regard, it is a pledge which will daily remind me, how much I yet owe in gratitude to the Donor!

With respectful Compl^{ts} to M^r. M^r. & Miss Terry not forgetting M^r. Tupp believe me my dear Henry
Yours very sincerely
J. M. Hudspeeth

M^r. C. arrived only a few days ago and as I have had very little of his company I can say nothing more about him than that he is well.

To M^r. J. M. Hudspeeth Surgeon Bowdon

Lowick Feb. 7th 1817

Dear Sir
The favor of your company is desired to attend the funeral of my dear son John to our place of Interment here tomorrow at 10 o'clock which will oblige - Dear Sir - Your sorrowful
W. H. Ser^t
Anders Cairns

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From Mr H. Storry Junr to J. M. Hudspeth Surgeon, Boscawen

Grange Road, Bournemouth April 6th, 1817

Mon cher ami

L'amitié qui existe depuis long temps entre vous et moi m'engage Monsieur à la rassurer, les bontés que vous m'avez témoignées sont une incitation de plus pour moi pour vous adresser ces lignes. Je vous remercie infiniment d'avoir rempli avec moi ce dont mon père vous avait prié de correspondre avec moi autant que le temps permettra. Soyez persuadé que je n'omettrai rien pour tâcher de mériter les bienfaits que j'attends de vous en me donnant les leçons salutaires que votre sagesse et votre expérience vous ont déjà procurés. Je suis jeune encore, et j'ai besoin d'apprendre et ce ne sera Monsieur qu'en m'écrivant souvent que je verrai vos leçons développées à chaque sentence que vous écrirez.

Je vais à présent vous faire le récit de mes occupations et de mes amusements depuis votre départ de cette métropole gaie, bouillante et magnifique. - Je passais très agréablement la première semaine de mes vacances dominicales à Esher. - Le village est charmant, les perspectives aux environs en est délicieuses quoique je ne puis vous en donner qu'une faible peinture, le temps que j'y ai été n'était pas favorable, nous étions au fort de l'hiver, les pluies abondantes & la terre couverte d'eau.

Je puis vous assurer que Monsieur Neville a commencé fort heureusement quoiqu'il ait eu à Esher quelques pharmacopoles qui ont voulu s'opposer à lui; mais les habitants du pays ont toute la confiance en lui. Il est fort ami avec M. Mowen de Cobham fils de son prédécesseur. - La maison de M. Neville est fort avantageuse et la boutique bien exposée et fournie de tout ce qui est nécessaire aux pharmacopoles. Il a de plus une écurie, un champ, et un jardin qui y joignent. - Je me suis promené à cheval avec lui pour visiter les malades. - Tous les voisins m'ont ce

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avec la plus grande civilité parce qu'il est bien venu avec tout le monde. Il n'y a aucun parti de plaisir où il ne soit pas invité. - Je me suis trouvé avec lui au bal donné par un de ses voisins.

Mon père me prie de vous dire qu'il ne peut pas prendre à la fois un nombre suffisant de phisoles pour procurer un certain avantage; il pense que ce n'est pas la peine de les envoyer de Newcastle.

Je viens de lire le journal du voyage que Monsieur de Hudspeth a fait sur le Continent. il a été à Paris pendant un mois, il a vu tout ce que cette ville produit de curiosités & comme voyager pendant un il a été il est toujours monté au clocher des églises pour voir la perspective, il a passé par Lyons pour aller sur les Alpes & a vu le Convent de St Bernard où les moines lui ont donné l'hospitalité. Le Convent est le plus élevé de l'Europe & environné de glaciers affreux, dans l'été et pendant toutes les nuits - En montant les Alpes sa mule tomba deux fois sous lui et l'enfonça dans la neige.

Il est revenu par la Hollande, je n'ai pas beaucoup aimé le tableau qu'il a fait de Waterloo parce qu'il dit rien de nouveau.

Depuis votre départ le neveu de M. Foster se épouse une demoiselle nommée Beaupay; j'ai eu le plaisir de les voir à un bal chez son père.

Tout est tranquille ici à présent, et j'espère que le pays suivra la Métropole. - Quels sont les sentiments de vos habitants? j'espère qu'ils sont tranquilles. - Mon père, ma mère, et ma sœur se joignent à moi vous présenter leurs respects et vous souhaiter tous les succès possibles. Faites-moi l'honneur de me croire,

Votre très sincère ami

Henri Storry

Qu'en vos respects to M. Coulter. - M. Sampson vous fait ses complimens

To Mr. Hudspeth, Surgeon, Bowdoin

Dispensary House, Berwick
May 2, 1817

At a general meeting of the Subscribers of this Charity held this day, it was resolved that the Secretary be directed to write to any Medical gentlemen within the district restricted by the rules of the Institution, to request he will attend any Patient who is nearer his residence than the Dispensary House: and that the Charity will pay him the sum usually paid to the Medical Attendant here (7s per Mile) it being generally understood that the application shall be made first to the Dispensary House, and that the prescriptions be sent there to be prepared.

Sir
I send you the above for your information & request you will let me know as soon as possible whether you can conveniently attend the patients above described on the terms mentioned: the District above alluded to, is 12 miles from the Dispensary House & no patient residing at a greater distance can receive the benefit of the Institution.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedt. Servt

R. Brownson Secretary

To Dr. Hudspeth, Bowdoin

Lickar, July 10th 1817

Dear Sir

I have been with Mr Selby today and before I had reached his house the Vile Wretch (Robertson) had obtained a summons from him for me to appear at Brunswick on Saturday first. - As it is indispensably necessary for me to be there, I hope you will can favor me with the mare, I will take good care of her. - If you be our way should like to see you before that time. - excuse hurry

Yours respectfully
Thos. Jackson

To Mr. Hudspeth, Surgeon

July 5, 1817

My dearest Friend

Will you accept of the accompanying books as a very very trifling memorial of the esteem and affection with which I shall ever remain.

My dear John

Most truly yours

John Coulter

The accompanying books were Pitt's Works 3 Vols. Cullen's Practise of Physic 4 Vols. Medical Tracts 2 Vols. - Thesaurus Medicamentorum 1 Vol. - System of Surgery 1 Vol. - Lavoisier on Chemistry 1 Vol. Medical Review 1 Vol. - some numbers of the Medical & Surgical Journal - a Tourniquet, a Catheter some Bougies. - Anatomical Plates &c. -

To Mr. Lavender, Police Officer. London
 July 21. 1817. -

A person of very suspicious character came from London a few months ago and settled in an obscure village in the north of Northumberland: from his general conduct and conversation it is suspected he has been a Clerk in some mercantile or Banking House in London and has been guilty of some fraud or embezzlement which has obliged him to abscond. He came there in December last and commenced in Practice as a Quack Doctor under the name of Robertson, but all his linen &c is marked J. Palmer which is probably his real name. - He is a little man - of a pale complexion - rather round faced - wears his whiskers a good deal over his face - appears to be between 25 and 30 years of age, dresses genteelly - is of an insinuating forward manner, says he comes from Devonshire, but as he keeps up a continual system of lying, no credit is placed in any assertion he makes; it was this propensity that first exposed him to suspicion - the prevailing belief is that he has been a Banker's Clerk and has been guilty either of forgery or fraud - he had 2 watches a small quantity of lace and a riding saddle tho' he came by sea - he had not a single friend, patron nor acquaintance in this part of the country, but he was boarded in a private family in the village till his misconduct and suspicious behavior caused him to be turned out - another took him in who is also on the point of discharging him - he has no business whatever, yet he seems determined to continue in his lurking place, screened from the eye of Justice. I have considered it proper to transmit to you the above information which may perhaps lead to the detection of a gross offender, and if any further description of him is necessary I shall be ready to give it if required. I am, Sir, yours &c J. M. Hudspeith.

From Mr. Thos. Jackson, Lough, to J. M. Hudspeith Surgeon.

Dear Sir

I have this day sent a letter to the Post for J. C. with full instructions on the plans we have respecting that Incarnate Devil, if any thing can be done we will hear from London as early as possible. - He is well acquainted with his appearance & every circumstance attending him, consequently that is a great advantage over a letter. - however if you think of writing I think his height is nearly about 5ft 3 in large face & whiskers very dark brown hair, there is a red appearance on the corner of one of his eyes. -
 Yours Resp^{ly}
 Thos. Jackson

From H. Steery Junr to J. M. Hudspeith

Grange Road, July 31, 1817

My dear friend,

Having anticipated the pleasure of receiving a letter from you by Mr. Coulter I was extremely sorry to find that you had ~~not~~ not written to me by him, which confirms the suspicions I have all along entertained, that my last letter did not afford you much pleasure. Sensible that any great benefit from Epistolary correspondence is only to be derived from a frequent communication of each others ideas, I therefore do myself the pleasure of addressing you now as Mr. Coulter has promised to enclose this letter in a parcel which he will send to the North. - Do you not think that it will be a good plan to appoint stated periods for corresponding with

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each other? I will abide by your decision upon this subject.

Mr Coulter's account of the success you have met with in the North was very gratifying to us, I am very glad that you have at last triumphed over Mr Robertson so as to secure to yourself the entire practice of your neighbourhood. I am sorry that you were so unfortunate in getting a lame horse at your first onset, and that it has spilt you two or three times. But I was glad to hear from Mr Coulter that it produced no other ill effect than that of humiliation to which however none of us are very fond of submitting.

Mr Neville called upon us last Saturday week, he has just recovered from an illness by riding too much on horseback. A Six weeks illness does not appear to have lessened his success in gaining the good opinion of the inhabitants of the country neither did it afford an opportunity for another to think of settling there as a friend of his a fellow pupil at St George's attended him as well as his patients during the period of his confinement. - Sir Robt. Gardiner, Prince Cobourgs Chamberlain, is at this time under his care, having a bonyon on his toe, upon which Mr Neville has performed an operation; The Princess Charlotte honored Mr N. with a familiar conversation respecting Sir Robert. He has also had two cases of Compound Fracture with both of which he has been very successful.

My Father is at this time very much harassed and fatigued and he has also a great deal of anxiety on his mind, he has to attend my Uncle twice a day at Revington who has been confined these last two months with a Fracture of the right Tibia, which accident occurred as he was returning home from a party about Hoblock; when two men attacked him in Blackhears Road for the purpose of seizing his watch, but were frustrated in their design, they however knocked him down, and he in attempting to rise

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himself, found that his Leg was broken, owing to his gross habit of body, the leg has been in a very bad state ever since, and the Tibia being broken quite obliquely, the anterior part of the bone projected upon the skin, which ulcerated it, the wound then sloughed and it has continued discharging ever since. - Mr Cooper about a fortnight ago, sawed off about two inches of the bone, but my Father is still under great apprehensions for his life, he is afraid that amputation will be at last necessary & it is feared if that takes place his health will afterwards decline. - Mr Coulter has seen him several times with my father. -

We have been very much confined at home this summer, my Fathers plans for country excursions have been hitherto frustrated, in May & June Mr Tulp was confined with a bilious fever, therefore I have been obliged to make myself as useful in the ship as possible, though I could not divert my Father of his fatigue as much as I could have wished.

My father and I had a good sight of the Prince Regent & the Duke of Wellington in Lord Liverpool's Gardens on the 10th of June the new Waterloo (stem the Grand) Bridge was opened for the public by the ceremony of their passing over it.

Mr W South has just accepted the situation of Surgeon to the Surrey Dispensary, Mr Greenwood has offered himself as a candidate for the vacant office. - Mr Callaway & 3 others are his Opponents. We oppose Mr Greenwood but I think Mr Callaway has the best chance provided

Our holidays commence next week, part of which I am to spend with Mr Neville and as Mr Coulter has kindly offered to manage Papa's business for any length of time, my Father, Mother & Sister propose spending a few days at Esher and Box Hill.

My father, mother & sister unite with me in kind regards, & wish you a continuance of health and success at Bourdon.

I am, Yours most sincerely
Henry Perry
Mr Tulp desires his best respects. -

From Mr. Coulter to J. N. Hudspeeth
London, Aug 7th 1847

My dear Friend

I have to apologize for not writing to you before now, what shall I say for myself? Nothing at all.

Since my arrival here the time has passed away very rapidly. Most of my friends are out of Town, so that I have got nothing further forward than when I came up. I shall leave London for India in the course of two or three months, when I may return God above knows.

There is great alteration in the destination of my ship. My friend Col. Taylor is down at Hastings, I have received two very flattering letters from him and in a few days shall pay my respects to him at Hastings, and from thence I go to Brighton to see Col. Hill who is there. I am happy to say that I am likely to succeed in all my expectations, I shall have a great deal to do before I leave London which will sweeten my poor finances.

I took up my quarters in Charlotte St for some little time, but have now got nearer to our friend Mr. Sturges by returning to 3 Finsbury St. where I am really very comfortable. I have got the parlour improved and made very snug. Mr. Simpson is extremely obliging & clean with every thing.

I found our friends at Alcester Place just in the same old quiet style, they thought I was lost and expressed great surprise that Brown thought it worth my while to write them. The poor Doctor very much puffed.

When I arrived his brother Mr. Henry I found laid up with a fractured leg, it was at first a simple fracture but afterwards became Compound in the following way: He was knocked down opposite the Magdalen by which his tibia was fractured, he was conveyed home and it being late the nearest Surgeon was called in, who reduced the fracture and every thing was seemingly going on well.

Henry saw his brother the following day and took charge of the case. About a week afterwards the fractured ends of the Tibia made their way thro' the Integuments,

in fact Gangrene had taken place. The bones protruded considerably the superior part of the Tibia projecting about 2 inches, an immense sore was formed opposite the fracture with a copious discharge. The mortification was checked & he was going on middling well. Henry was much fatigued by attending to dress the wound twice a day. I offered my services to dress the wound once a day which were accepted and seemed to give great satisfaction to all parties. Cooper removed the projecting piece of bone, still things were going on very well, a large Lincod and Carbon poultice was applied over the wound and the discharge was very good, likely to be a very tedious case. 6 months at any rate. Henry was beginning to complain much of the trouble. Mr. Sturges and Henry grumbled a good deal. My wife was silent. Tom Henry was now very much reduced. Part of the Tibialis posticus dropped away. Discharge copious. 7 weeks after the accident the Posterior Tibial Artery gave way, he lost a great deal of blood before it was detected, The system could not rally he therefore died from loss of blood. He was interred in one of the Churches in Cornhill the other day. I never in all my life saw so little regard paid to the death of a relation. Henry pretended to be very much hurt, this however I am sure was only a sham, in order that he might obtain a very handsome present as for the Doctor he seemed to forget every thing the following day, and in walking over to the City with Mr. S and Henry they both laughed & talked so much that I was completely ashamed! They all went down to Plumford after the funeral and staid 3 days & next week are going into Surrey for 4 or 5 days accompanied by Mr. Mrs. Foster on a jaunt of pleasure to Box Hill etc.

I have attended for Henry during his late absence, at which time I had 3 cases of Midwifery all genteel Patients and paid 'cash down'; the old boy, did not know what to make of me. I

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dare say I might have had the Laps for the asking!!
Mrs. S. was equally pleased. I am quite at home there - I con-
fess I am much surpris'd at Mr. Terry and family, does it
not denote a want of true religion to show so little regard
to the death of a Brother? What say you? Henry was more
taken up about his black clothes & than the death of his Uncle.
I believe he has given you the history of his Uncle's case,
in the accompanying letter which he was driven to write and
that with great reluctance. - Henry is a fine boy but he has
many bad points, I do not believe he has much real friend-
ship in his composition. - he leaves School at Christmas.

Wm. Henderson has pass'd the College, entered into powder & keeps
his Horse! he very seldom visits at Terry's, I think they are not so
intimate as formerly. - the Sharpes are very much off too. - I attend
Mr. Sharp's church every Sunday and usually have lunch with him
after service, he looks like a fighting cock. - Mrs. S. makes many en-
quiries about you as also Mr. Foster, the nice little body, she has
often asked me about you; I made them laugh most heartily
when I told them how industriously you trudge and tumble about
the country. - I hope the more answers your expectations & I trust
you have disposed of pretty Dolly. - I can't help laughing at this
expression... and what did you get for Doll? - I fear you would lose
a few Pounds by her. - Henry is very desirous for me to remain
at home and to commence practice, he does not at all approve of
my remaining in India: this I have from Mrs. S. many a
good gossip we have together, you are very often the subject of
our conversations. - I had my friend Davidson & his Brother dining
with me there, they were all very much pleas'd with them.
Davidson is a most valuable friend to me. - I know where to look
for a friend if any thing should come in the way to require
one. - he too has intimated that I should commence at the
West Ind: and gave me to understand if £1000 or £1500 would get

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me a secure practice, he would venture to say I would not be
backed. was this not most handsome, my dear Rudsforth. - It is
however quite foreign to my Deas, I could not by any means
think of laying myself under such an obligation, besides my
mind is fix'd on India, I am convinced I shall do well there
am every day making more friends in that quarter. - Davidson
lives in the House which I took for him and is highly pleas'd with
it, he has two Sisters with him. - most amiable girls. - I have
a general invitation there without any sort of ceremony, I sit
usually 3 or 4 times a week and if I am away for a few days,
am sure to be pestered with Twopenny Posters. - they insist
on my sending one of my Violins there, so that we have a few
times whenever I am there, the girls play extremely well.
Terry too is teasing me to send one of my Fiddles there;
they are all so anxious to hear me play some Scotch Tunes.
Mrs. Foster too has been at me. - But you know not one of the
Terry's have any sort of an ear for Music. - yet they all appear
to be so very fond of it, that I think it is merely to please the
Fosters. - Young M'Key of Leeds had his Flute at Terry's but he
could not play any Scotch airs, so they did not approve of his
playing. - Mrs. S. thinks him rather a stuff'd sort of a Lad
& Henry asserts that Astley Cooper says he is not a promising
Youth. - You will perceive by the accompanying letters,
the struggle has commenced for the appointment of Surgeons
to the Surrey Dispensary. - Greenwood is supported by Terry.
I think Greenwood half a fool, so does Mr. Miss Terry, I am
surpris'd at Terry supporting such a stupid Ass. I would have
expected him to have acted more conscientiously in the
choice of a Surgeon to a Public Charity. - South has resign'd
the said Madame South called the other day at Terry's in their
carriage, I never heard a more disgusting creature than he is.
The Terry's are quite sick of the Souths. - South and his sister

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have had a terrible quarrel and he turned her out May and
Baggage. — Trup has left Sturys, latterly they did not put it up
with at all. — Trup was completely taken up with pride & no
sense and became extremely ill tempered. — You must write to
Henry the first opportunity. — I am very anxious to hear
from you I shall expect a long letter after my return from
Hastings. — I expect letters from my father and Brother Jackson
you will let them have yours and they will all be forward-
ed together by sea. — I had a letter some little time ago from
Hickson about that infernal villain Palmer, it is really pain-
ful for me to condescend to think about or mention such a wretch.
By his letter I could readily enough conceive the situation they
would be in at the least. I regret that I did not chastise him with
the three whips, yet by so doing I only would have degraded myself
so that upon the whole it is better that I left him as I did. — I
expect some amusing stories about him from you, they will
afford me a laugh at any rate. — I hope he took Cairns in a
little more before he left (you see I expect he is gone) I certainly
consider Cairns a sophisticated scoundrel, his conduct from
beginning to end has been quite abominable. — I shall send
him his bill in the course of a little time with a letter to
amuse him and Brasby. — I am glad in many respects
that the Lickar people have been taken in with the little
ascal. — I am aware that they will now be very good friends
of yours, I am convinced that they will and is determined to
do every thing in his power to assist you. — Those who are not
your friends I shall look upon as my enemies. — You
will perceive what miserable work there has been at Fitzbryen,
what an accurate we can form of their situation! It is well
we are both done with it now, yet it was a valuable
resource to me. — I need not say how very anxious I
feel to know how you get on, how all your family are doing

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I hope times are now much improved with you. How does your
Father's crop look? let me know all particulars when you write.
Let me know if I can do any thing to serve you here. —

I have had so much writing lately that I am completely
tired of it, for which reason you must excuse this short letter.
Remember me in affectionate terms to all your dear family
and believe me

Yours most truly,
J Coulter

P.S. I have forgot to tell you that Neville has been
called in to bleed the Princess Charlotte, after stabbing her
twice could not bring away any blood; what a pity it is that
he failed. — if he had succeeded it would have been the making
of him; no one has yet been able to bleed her, the surgeons of
the first rate Surgeons have attempted, she was obliged to be
laid on the back of the hand. — You cannot think how furious
Henry and his Father were at hearing of Mr Neville being called
in to bleed the Princess. — The pronunciation Neville to be very nervous.

To Mr Henry Stury Junr. Abbot Place, Bermondsey, London

Bermondsey, Sept 15, 1817

I wonder my dear Henry how you could allow yourself to suppose
that your last letter had not afforded me pleasure. I think you
might have been liberal enough to have attributed my pleasure
to any other cause for I assure you it is one of the greatest grati-
fications I can enjoy to be honoured with your correspondence
to hear of your pursuits and the welfare of your family which
I can never cease to respect so long as I live. — I pause to
consider what excuse I shall make for my apparent neglect
but I really cannot invent any very plausible apology there-
fore I will just trust to your candour & good nature for forgiveness.

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and to avoid falling into the same error again I lose no time
in acknowledging the receipt of yours of the 31st July which
only reached me a few days ago having been 6 weeks on its
passage. To prevent these delays in future I willingly
assent to the arrangement you propose but am at a loss
what periods to fix upon for writing, perhaps you will think
once a month too frequent, will then, say once in two months
and by allowing the interval of a month to pass after receiving
a letter before it is answered, we shall dispatch & receive a
letter alternately every month. If you can suggest any im-
provement to this plan I will adopt it with pleasure.

I have also been favoured with a letter from my good friend
McCouther who has informed me of the death of your uncle
whose accident you mention. It would be a very afflict-
ing circumstance to your family, and I have no doubt but
you in particular were impressed with the feelings of a near
relation and a Christian on that occasion. These dispensa-
tions of Providence always visit families for some wise and
important purpose, their real intention we may not
be able to discover, but Death in any form is always an
awful monitor, and to you my dear Henry in this catastro-
phe it speaks most emphatically, not only by re-
minding you of the transitory nature of Life and
the certainty of your approaching end, but it admo-
nishes you to be most grateful to the Giver & Preserver
of lives that it was not your own parent but his brother who
thus fell by the hands of the Assassin, and to show your
gratitude by making it your constant study to deserve
the good opinion of both your parents, at all times cau-
tiously avoiding whatever may give vexation or uneasiness
to either of them, lest it should please God to become you

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of them and smite your conscience with the sting of remorse
for having treated them with unkindness.

By this time I presume you have accomplished all your
excursions into the country and I have no doubt were highly
delighted with the scenery and variety of prospect in the neigh-
- vicinity of Esher and Box Hill: I shall expect a narrative of
all your summer's adventures next time you write. Pray
in any of your perambulations did you ever hear or see any
thing of Mr. Baker's family. I am very glad to hear that
Mr. Neville is going on so prosperously, he has made a fa-
- mous beginning & I hope nothing may ever intervene to
check his progress to celebrity. I suspect Mr. Couther
has given you too flattering an account of my success, as
you are pleased to term it. - the state of the Country & the
sort of people I am amongst don't admit of any great
doings, - there is no Baronet to operate upon, nor Princeps
to bleed, but in my humble way I get a job now & then,
in the course of last week I amputated the Leg of a poor
farmer, who as yet is doing remarkably well. My old master
Mr. Stevenson, his apprentice & a Dr. Hall came from Prewick to as-
- sist me on the occasion. - it was my first attempt exploit of
the kind and I believe I managed it probably well, from the
time of applying the Tourniquet till the man was put to bed
again it was just half an hour. - In the obstetrical part of my
practice I have been tolerably successful, however money
is so scarce that I have sometimes a labour in vain. - That
vile wretch Robertson is still here, but his race is nearly run
no person of any respectability whatever will be seen in his
company, & for the sake of society he is glad to make a compan-
- ion of any Sailor boy, or Shoemaker's apprentice that comes in
the way, & he is at present cohabiting with a woman of bad
character in a paltry cottage.

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After a series of bad weather we have now got it very fine but the Harvest has scarcely commenced yet. - When you see Mr Coulter, will you remember me to him, I shall write to him by and bye but I have not time at present, has he been at Hastings yet? - I hope you will do me the favor to write soon. - pay no attention to what I proposed above, this time but write us soon as convenient.

I am very sorry to inform you that I have made but a poor collection of plants this summer for Miss Stacey really this is so miserable a country that it don't even produce wild flowers of any interest. - Remember me most respectfully to Mr. Mrs. Miss Stacey & believe me

My dear Henry

Your sincere friend

J. M. Hudspeeth.

To Mr. Dennis Kearney, Chemist, Coventry or elsewhere

A fellow of the name of Palmer has lived some months in a village in Northumberland, who is a man of so base a character that he seems capable of committing crimes of the worst nature.

Understanding that he has had some connection with a person of the name of Kearney a Chemist in Coventry. - an enemy to Rogues and knavery in general, thinks it right to inform the said Kearney where Palmer is to be found, for his assumed name and profession, fraudulent practices, consummate impudence, lying tongue, and submission to the most humiliating treatment rather than leave his present retreat, give rise to suspicions that he has been guilty of something of a serious nature. - Should this fall into the hands of any person interested in the discovery

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of Palmer and any further information be required, the best way to obtain it would be to apply to a Mr Jackson, with whom he lodged a few months. - Direct to Mr. Jackson, Lewick near Berwick upon Tweed. Palmer came to Northumberland in Dec. last, he then took the name of Robertson, had at that time 2 watches and a Blue Great Coat that appeared not to have been his own.

To J. Coulter Esq^r 73 Newmarket Street, Southwark.

London Sept. 23^d 1817

My dear friend.

By some unaccountable delay or other your Packet did not make its appearance till September and I was favored with my share of it on the 7th Inst. by that time I had begun to think I was never to hear from you more. Indeed I cannot help harboring a presumption that sooner or later this will be the case; we are now no longer going hand in hand with our parents or walking in each others footsteps; our circumstances which were once alike, are also become very dissimilar; and the gratifying manner in which you are courted by and received into the most polite and fashionable circles, raises you so far above the contemptible beings who inhabit this region of poverty, that I doubt I may chance to be included in that disdain with which you look down upon the general mass. - and if you settle in India, extreme distance and long absence will gradually lessen the interest you take in our affairs. - New found friendships will ultimately eclipse former attachments. - In the midst of these gloomy forebodings however I am not without hopes that I shall find you always the same. - tho' such notions will sometimes find a place in a whimsical imagination like mine. - I regret to find you loitering away your time to so little purpose as you are unavoidably doing at present; I have often wished as well as your London friends to see you comfortably fixed in a good respectable practice either in the Metropolis or its vicinity. - In some such a situation as that of Neville, Mary Stacey in your bosom & a woman

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little Coulters prattling about you, would make you the most enviable
man under the sun. I am convinced you may be that happy man if
you choose, and why won't you? Since you are determined to visit & remain
in India, I sincerely wish you every possible success, and (may I
indulge the extravagant hope!) perhaps your excellent example may
again stimulate me to pursue the same course. - When the prospect
of acquiring riches and fame presents itself I am apt to forget my
past resolutions never to go any more from home & I fairly fall out
with my present lot. - then on the other hand there are so many
obstacles in the way that I doubt it will never be in my power
now to change it. - I have lately had some thoughts of going to
South America and try my luck among the Patriots; what do
you think of that scheme? I suppose you think the fellow's mad,
what the Devil will him now? - why nothing more than usual but
can't be doing on at this rate forever. - to be plain, I cannot I am
certain stay long at home, for dissensions and misunderstandings will
every now and then be taking place in the family, these are things
I cannot endure and it is impossible always to keep clear of them.
but that is not all, in these intricate times money is so difficult to
be procured that I am obliged from time to time to advance sums
which I am not willing to spare. - I am anxious to save enough
to set up an establishment of my own and that will not be very
soon done particularly if I cannot get the saving system adhered to.
However I shall persevere a year or two longer and by that time I will
have had a fair trial. - I wrote to Henry Perry a few days
ago, probably he will have informed you of my grand Operation,
that a strangulated hernia and a monstrous birth are the most re-
markable cases that have fallen into my hands since you left.

The Subject of the Amputation was J Cuthbertson, his knee had
begun to get capillary worse, several abscesses had formed in succession
all over the joint, so as to leave no prospect of its ever getting well, I
proposed that he should go to the Dispensary at Norwich to have it ampu-

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tated which he consented to. - but at the instigation of his friends he af-
terwards refused to go. They all pretended to be so very wise very about
it that my interference appeared to be unnecessary, indeed to have
proposed the matter more than I did would have appeared to be asking
a job for myself and they were all so easy and lukewarm about it that
I left them to themselves entirely by declining my visit; this brought
them to their senses & about 3 weeks after the wife came soliciting that
something might be done. - the man was in that state now that he
could not be removed and accordingly it fell to my lot to amputate
the limb. - Mr Stevenson obligingly lent me his Instruments and came
himself to assist. Wm was also out & staid with us two nights. - I
have seen the operation better performed and I have seen it much
worse done, luckily it was soon over there being but 2 vessels to secure.
The Man is doing extremely well. one half of the stump is nearly
healed but at one of the corners there is a little sloughing which will
rather retard the cure but ultimately it will be a very good stump.

The case of Hernia was at Berrington it was very difficult to reduce
but after a copious bleeding, Tobacco Clyster and cold applications I at
last succeeded. - The competition between Nancy and I is kept up
with as much spirit as ever. - I am much indebted to Mrs Barber
for several patients which she has been the means of procuring me, out
of no good will to be sure. - that worthy woman tumbled over on 20th
July and had Nancy only in order to re-establish her in the Public
estimation, in the interim time I was called in her stead to a woman
at Mead, this was an introduction to me in that quarter, and
one case followed another till I had 9 or 10 this that circumstance
alone. - Mrs Youl, Haggerston Mead and Mr Hall are in the list of my
accomplishments, - the Howdye's friends finding they can do as good
by sailing have learned to hold their tongues. - one expression for its
novelty and refinement I must not omit mentioning. - Tibby says,
It's a pity but they has bin buckled on his back a parcel of times,
for they cannot start wrong but they must send for the Doctor. - With
regard to the Lowick little tattle I can say very little, & he left the letter

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I think it was a pity to say you with the sayings & doings of that mischief making wretch there, he is almost too contemptible a creature to say myself about, you will probably have all particulars from your father and brother, for my part I never hear his name mentioned now, except when some news is brisled, it is buzzed about a little and dies away again. - the last thing of that kind was his expected marriage with Jane Jackson a story invented by himself but believed by several still. - his great intimacy with the letters is another good joke. - what he has been, or what he has done is yet undiscovered, but it is evident that he will not learn so long as he is able to subsist in any way, or can get a hole to put his head in. - the meanness of his conduct all along & the sort of company which he now chooses are proofs that he is of mean extraction & mean education. - and his remaining here now in a state of misery and shameful dependance renders it more and more obvious that his crimes are of such a nature as to make him glad of a lurking place of any kind. - I think you would do well to let those poor fools Bently and Andrew rest in peace, they too are beneath your resentment, and to set their idle tongues agoing again would serve no good purpose. You will hardly expect to hear that Dolly and I are still jiggling on together, the other one was not likely to turn out a bit better, it lifted its feet as low that it was continually striking the stones & stumbling it was also so scary at night that I was often in danger of being thrown off, so that I found I could not keep it. - Mr Jackson I am glad to find has got another merchant for it. - Doll has never come down since she broke her knees, but still she is every thing but safe. - I have for some time given over my attendance at Holy Island, the profit being far from adequate to my trouble, and it exposed me so to the risk of being out of the way if wanted in a hurry that I was never easy when there.

I am in way surpris'd at the behaviour of the Surge and Tom Sterry's death for I intrusted their conduct on a similar occasion when I was with them. I believe that deficiency of filial or paternal affection proceeds from the Doctor, I think Rids is the cause of it. their relations on both sides of the

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House are so far beneath the Doctors that it would be condescending to pay to him them the same respect. - had Tom Sterry been a Banker or Member of Parliament you would have seen lamentations enough at his death.

I am hardly able to judge of the full effect of true Religion, but both by love is certainly one of the strongest tests, and one of the fundamental principles of Religion, and where that is wanting there must be some great moral defect. - Misconduct in some of the members of a family sometimes may occasion a colereps. - and the settling of money matters almost invariably produces dissension. - it is every one for himself there and who can blame them?

I suppose by this time they have performed their visit to Esher. - pray how did it take? By the bye were you at Hastings? every time I have heard of you for some time back you were on the point of going to Hastings, but I never have heard of your being there. I hope the solicitations of the good folks at Alford have prevailed upon you to exhibit your extraordinary powers upon the violon, I am sure you would throw them into extacies, at least I know they would be loath enough of their praises. - mind you conduct yourself there, remember Mr Sharpe or Dr Harrison have each been as intimate there as you possibly can be. - they are a worthy family and Mr Sterry as good a soul as ever lived, only a little apt to imitate what ornaments the Stuffs of many of our Churches. - I would feel oblig'd to you if you would take the trouble to get into the Hudsons New House some day as you pass and enquire what accounts they have had of the Ships that went out last year, if you are in the neighbourhood of Alfray you may make the same enquiry of Capt. Turner there.

You will think it rather strange that I should fill two Sheets with out taking notice of the splendid present you left me, really my dear friend this is too much, I am both ashamed and vex'd at your beneficence and cannot possibly think of adding you of so valuable a part of your property, your intention was good but your generosity is overabundant, that I cannot support the load, suffer me therefore to take charge of the books and to peruse them during your absence & when you return

to replace them in your library. ¹³⁰ I had keepsakes enough before without acquiring any additional ones. - pure disinterested friendship is what I wish always to subsist between us, but heaping one present upon another is not the way to cement friendship; I would rather that my regard for you should flow spontaneously from the heart without a motive, than appear to be merely gratitude for an obligation. - As your own friends will be writing you by the same conveyance, it would be needless for me to give you any of the local news indeed I am very unqualified to do so for I have been very little at Lough since you left it. - The Harvest is going to be very late, there is scarcely any corn cut yet, but I believe the crops are promising enough, if the weather only continues so favourable as to allow it to be got home in proper order.

We are all in our usual state of health and unite in most cordially wishing you every thing that is good. - Believe me to remain at all times,

Your very sincere & affectionate friend
J. M. Huds. peth.

Oct. 6th I wrote the preceding part of this letter under the expectation that it would be forwarded in a parcel from Lough in the course of a few days but I understand there is nothing prepared for you yet. I suspect they are waiting to hear again from you first. - I have very little to add since I took leave of you a few days ago. My Patient Goutherton is going on well he is walking about on crutches and his health & strength are improving daily, but the stump is not altogether healed, I succeed in making the first incision that the skin a quantity of pus escaped, a large Abscess extends up this far, consequently that part of the Integument which covers the stump was diseased and sloughed leaving a circular flap near one of the corners, the edges of which became all inverted. - a few days ago I pushed off all these indolent edges, & next time I looked at it, found them completely united, except about 1/3 of an inch where the edge was again turned down, & could not be raised. - the stump being all healed but this I de-

termined to leave it to nature and don't intend removing the dressings again for some time. - It is but 3 weeks since the Amputation. ¹³¹

If you don't already know, you won't be displeas'd to hear that we have discovered Robertson's real name to be Palmer. - Joshua Palmer of the City of Coventry. - and I'll tell you frankly how it was discovered. His boy still remains at Mr Jacksons and curiosity prompting us to have a peep into it, without any ceremony I took a Key out of my Pocket which opened the little rascals box and in this way developed the secret. - It contained the fragments of the copy of a deed which the artful little vagabond had torn to pieces, but sufficient remained to explain where he derives all his prattle about and pretensions to the practice of medicine. He appears under pretence of having plenty of money at command to have persuaded upon one Dennis Kearney a Chemist to enter into partnership with him. - he engages to furnish all the necessary apparatus & instruments at his own expence, Kearney is to undertake all the practical part of the business and he is to conceal none of the mystery of his trade from his uninformed partner Palmer. - The Indenture begins thus "It is hereby agreed and covenanted between Joshua Palmer of the City of Coventry, Gentleman on the one part, and Dennis Kearney Chemist of the said City on the other." This is in June 1816 - in Nov. we find him a Merchant or Cheesemonger in London & receives a cargo of Cheeses at Paddington Wharf, the same day he returns a Cheese. - In Dec. he is at Lough, a Chemist, Apothecary, Surgeon, Accouchent & a great Noteman. - That D. Kearney who came to Alnwick was the very counterpart of the Lough doctor, but much more mischievous he had a richer field to work upon and made hay while the sun shone, after taking in a number of tradespeople to a vast amount a step was put to his career by lodging him in jail. - From the similarity of the two names I cannot help supposing that this D. Kearney was rather than the Chemist of Coventry, Dennis Kearney. - besides it was known that he came from that part of the country, he had been in Staffordshire & married into a very respectable family of the name of Wood, after spending his wife's fortune he left her, and at Alnwick a good deal of his time was made Wood, which he had stolen from his brother in law. - his pretensions marked

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Blake, and the parts of his apparel bore different names. - Robbed
you things that are in the box have been marked J.P. and mounted
the P is ingeniously converted into an R. but with the ink of a different
hue so that it is easily detected and there is a towel marked (J.P.) which
probably he has stolen. - In appearance he is getting very shabby
and has lost a great deal of his affected consequence. There is none of
that bold impudent stare, nor simplicity in his countenance now, he
seems miserably dejected. - if you look him in the face he turns his head
and if standing at the door sneaks in.

My father requests me to make his best respects to you
and if it is not giving you too much trouble would thank you to call
again on that Mr Bromley of Grange Inn and enquire of him whether
a receipt has been given for the last remittance of Brodie's money, if
not he would thank him to give one either to you or to be sent to Mr
Widdley. - Again I subscribe myself,

Yours truly
J. McHo.

From Mr. Henry Sterry Junr. to J. McHudspeath

Grange Road, Oct. 30th 1847

My dear Hudspeath

I am afraid that you will complain that
the time fixed for our correspondence has elapsed without your
receiving a letter from me, but though I plead guilty, I hope
you will hear what I have to say in my defence. - The only
excuse that I can make is, that I have been very much engaged
lately, as last Wednesday was our "Doctors Day" and for some time
prior to that, I was continually writing Speeches for one of the
Monitors, as it is customary for the boys of the sixth form, to write
copies of the Monitor's speeches to present to those Gentlemen who

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honor us with their company on "Doctors Day": I hope you will
listen to this apology upon my promising not to offend in like
manner again.

After the funeral of my Uncle, we returned with my Uncle
Wacey to Romford where we spent a few days very pleasantly;
my Father and mother left me behind them, that I might have the
pleasure of accompanying my cousin William to School at
Folstead, which I very much wished to see, as it is the place
where my father received his education. - The very day I
returned from Romford (Saturday) we all went down to Eschen
accompanied by Mr. M. Foster, Papa had written to Mr. Middle
requesting him to order beds for us at the Inn, but he provided us
with more comfortable apartments at his own house. - On
Sunday we went to the Parish Church, where we hoped to have had
the pleasure of seeing the Princess Charlotte, but we were disappoint-
ed, as they very seldom attend; the Clergyman unfortunately
offers them no inducement to hear him, but considering the ex-
alted station they fill, & the influence that their example must
have upon their dependants & neighbours I think they act ex-
tremely wrong in not observing more punctually the Sabbath
Day. In the evening we walked to Blacemont, but, in per-
ambulating the Park we did not approach very near the house,
as Mr. Neville was rather afraid of encroaching. - The grounds are
very stately, though in point of beauty I have seen several
which I think far exceed them, particularly Audley End in
Essex the seat of Lord Braybrooke. - On Monday we walked to
Hampton Court, the Palace is a very large heavy building
& the Gardens are laid out in a very formal manner, quite
in the Dutch style, the celebrated grape vine and orangery
excited our attention, but we were most pleased with the pictures
in the Palace. - fine of Raphael's cartoons are there, in the same
room there were some drawings copied from the cartoons, upon

a small scale; some of us were more pleased with them than the originals which are faded and dirty: but Papa & Mary were sufficiently great connoisseurs and antiquarians to prefer the productions of Raphael. — My father being obliged to return home the next day, we went to Leatherhead and Boxhill, where we were all very much delighted with the magnificence of the scenery, notwithstanding the humidity of the atmosphere which prevented our seeing it in all its beauty. — We did not see Mr Baker or any of his family whilst we were at Esher, but as we came through Leatherhead we called at Mr Stone's where we heard that he was then in attendance upon Mr Stone. — We separated at Leatherhead, I returned to Esher to stay another week, & then proceeded to London. — Mr Neville is going on very well, the Prince has lately appointed him Surgeon Extraordinary to himself & the Prince being as I suppose so much pleased with his dexterity in bleeding him. Such operation he has successfully performed twice on the back of the hand since I was with him.

I was much pleased to hear so good an account of your surgical skill, which has been confirmed by your quondam master Mr Stevenson in a letter which he has written to Mr Coultter.

There has been much alarm excited among the good people of London by the report of a contagious fever being prevalent which has little or no foundation, my father is angry with the people for being so easily led away, and thinks we shall be visited by some serious calamity as a judgment for our credulity.

There has been another election at the Surrey Dispensary for the office of Surgeon vacant by the resignation of Mr J. Smith. Mr Greenwood the partner of Mr Knickerbocker was the successful candidate, he was opposed by Mr Callaway who I dare say you remember at Guy's, also by Mr Smith & Pollard the Quaker, it was a hard fought contest, and he gained it by a manoeuvre (that of paying off the surgeons of St. St. Vincent's, who had declined continuing

subscriptions & polling their proxies) which he thought himself justified in doing in consequence of Mr Wallington & Mr Cooper having given his opponent Callaway so much higher testimonials, which seemed to intimate that Mr Greenwood was not a proper person to fill the situation.

My sister is much obliged to you for recollecting her in your botanical rambles, she has not herself had many opportunities of botanizing this summer, except a few plants that she gathered at Esher and Boxhill; she has lately begun sketching, and pursues it with great avidity, I will ask her to give you some specimens when Mr Coultter sends a parcel to you. My father, mother, and sister desire their respects to you & believe me my dear Nephew

Yours very sincerely
Henry Sturz

We have had one treat to Covent Garden this season to see Goldsmith's comedy of "she stoops to conquer" — Miss Mounton a new actress and Mr. Kemble performed in it, I liked it altogether very well. — The theatre is brilliantly illuminated with Gas, there are six chandeliers in the house, one suspended from the centre of the ceiling, which is a most magnificent one, & five more around the deep circle, notwithstanding the paucity of chandeliers the house looked lighter than it ever did before, with a greater number of lamps.

Mr Coultter desired me to give you his best respects, & to say that he is very well, that he has obtained an appointment, but is looking out for a better one, that he is very much engaged at present with parties &c. — but that he will write to you before he sails which will be soon. — He received your letter last week & is very much surprized that he did not have them before, as they were dated early in September. — Adieu!!

To Mr. H. Strevy, Junr. Bermondsey, London

Bermondsey Dec: 5: 1817

My Dear Henry Time moves on with such rapid strides yet so imperceptibly that I was unconscious of a month having expired since I heard from you, but on referring to your letter I find it more than time to perform my agreeable engagement with you. - Short as the time appears it has been an eventful period; - the occurrences of these few weeks will be long remembered in this kingdom and will afford matter for deliberation and discussion for months to come. - November has been called by foreigners the gloomy month, in which the people of England hang down themselves, surely if there be any truth in this allegation the present season ought to prove it, for there never was a time more awfully dismal than the present, where the insatiable tyrant Death has conspired with nature to spread universal melancholy and alarm throughout the land.

If these events are the fulfilment of your father's predictions, I wish he would give over prophesying; credulity may be a foible that deserves a check, but a punishment so severe as this must be intended for sins of a higher nature; but whatever are the designs of Providence in visiting us with so great a calamity we ought to submit to it with resignation, and draw consolation from the conviction that though these things are dark and intricate the Almighty is just, and where we can't understand we must learn to trust.

Never did a royal death excite such a general sympathy as that of the Princess Charlotte, she seems not only to have

possessed the esteem of every individual in the nation; but to have deserved it. There are few so pre-eminently good as not to leave room for the malicious and envious to quibble with their character, but this Princess has been so universally admired that I have not heard one attempt to derogate her exalted virtues. Even in this part of the country where loyalty is by no means a predominant passion, her death is deplored with unfeigned sorrow, while the dislike to some others of the Royal family is undiminished; some are so cruel as to imagine the Princess was poisoned at the instigation of the Queen; - ridiculous is this supposition is another conjecture as absurd obtains with many a person of respectability and good sense; it is, that the King has been dead for some years, but the Prince of Wales being determined not to be crowned with his wife, chooses rather to sway the sceptre as Regent and the King's death is kept secret to prevent any civil commotion. - The Prince is very unpopular here, few pity him on the present occasion and nobody is anxious to have a child of his to govern; they would rather wish to see an heir spring from the Duke of Gloucester or some of the Royal Dukes. - pray what are the opinions and wishes in London respecting the succession?

Next to Prince Leopold and the Princess of Wales, there is one I am so sorry for as Mr. Neville. the death of the Princess will be no preventative to his succeeding in private practice but the life of so distinguished a paternity must be a great crush to his prospects. - Through Mr. Neville you will be well informed of the circumstances of the Princess's illness and death. What does your father say about it? does he think a public investigation necessary & will do any good? Do tell me all you know about it, for I am not at all satisfied with the meagre flimsy accounts of it in the Newspapers. I think there is so little made known there must be much suppressed and at any rate

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the medical world ought to be made acquainted with the particu-
lars of so interesting a case.

Do you know whether M Coulter is living or dead, or where he is
or what he is about or what he is going to be about. I can't com-
prehend the meaning of his silence. if ever you see him
tell if he doest write immediately to dispel all my doubts con-
cerning him. I shall be forming surmises not very much to
his advantage. I have nothing particular to inform you
at present and as I am labouring under a disagreeable cold,
you will be kind enough to excuse the shortness of this letter.
Present my best compliments to M. W. & Miss Perry and believe me,
Dear Henry,

Your very sincere friend
J. McLeod Smith.

To J. Coulter Esq^r p^r Freeschool Street, Southwark
Bowdon, Jan^y 30th 1810

Sir

It is so evident that you wish to drop all correspondence
with us that I am almost afraid of giving offence in venturing to
plague you with one of my north country homespun letters. but
I am come to that now that I doest care how much I offend you,
and I'll try to do it by every means in my power. I had at one
time resolved not to write to you any more, again I thought
that is just what you want, and therefore I am determined now to
pester you with letter after letter until I compel you to answer them..
and in order to render it the more disagreeable to you, I mean
to surfeit you with all the petty news and clack that I can
collect, and especially with what relates to myself. - What a
mean opinion you must entertain of our intellects hereabouts, if
you suppose we doest possess penetration enough to see into the

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cause of your extraordinary silence. Now, I know as well how you have
been circumstanced as if you had told me all about it: doest think to
deceive me either by disembelling or concealing the truth. It is pity you
doest place so little confidence in me, but you have your own reasons
for what you do and I have no wish to pry into your secrets, further
than just to acquaint myself with what relates to your interest and
happiness. - If you labour under any disappointment or dark and
obscure prospects, or any circumstances which you would not wish to
be generally known, rest assured that we participate to sincerely in
your good or bad fortune to divulge any thing to your disparagement.
If fortune has been unkind and you think to prevent us partaking
of your concern by keeping us in ignorance, you are mistaken, for
suspicion will exaggerate facts and multiply delusions. I plainly
perceive you have been disappointed of the City of London, on what
account I know not. I hope however your protracted stay in England
will prove in the end no loss to you. - The Lord Keith your near
Ship I see doest sail till may, and Freeman is Capt. I suppose
he is the same I have often heard you speak of, a brother officer in
one of your former voyages. - What is it that attaches you so much
to a maritime life? will no disappointment, no waste of time, no
induce you to settle at home, where you may be certain of success, if
I am able to scant a living I think you may be sure of making a
fortune. - Mr Stevenson is much displeas'd at not hearing from you
he sent you a present of some Pickled Salmon which you have taken
no notice of, & consequently he thinks you very deficient of politeness.
I am much flattered by the opinion Mr. S. has thought proper to
express of my performance in Amputating Cuthbertsons thigh,
but I am not so well pleas'd with the price he sets upon his praise,
as he has charg'd a good round sum for his attendance on that occasion,
which I must pay myself as it was I who wish'd & ask'd him
to be present. I did I thought it was paying a compliment
to invite him. - Hall was employ'd & will be paid by the Parish. -

I have been rather disappointed with the issue of that operation, the stump absolutely went heal, but the man is in good health and may live many years with a creeping stump. — Of late I have been terribly busy, particularly with midwifery, you will be persuaded that my reputation is in progress when I inform that I have attended 266 six accouchments within the last 6 days, besides losing one in my absence. — Upon the whole I think my patients are of a description that will pay better than those of the first year, the liberality & honor can be hardly calculated upon here, you will remember what dancing back and forward I had to Woodside to observe the effect that a Calomel powder produced once or twice taken in a week; my journeys amounted to 20 or more, and what think you was the mighty sum I received for my trouble? — paltry 8 shillings! — they frequently have Nabol within three, what I would he think of such a fee? — Amongst other miscellaneous patients I have even been attending Miss Lamberton, when first called in the old man cunningly hinted that it would please him best to send very little medicine. — he thought very little, he said, of doctors, who cure disorders with a horse load of medicine, he only thought much of those who could do good without medicine at all. — I paid little attention to the old miser's injunctions, and the gentle Diogenes has got about again. — That bare faced villain Palmer is gone to Koshams, where he has gulled the people far beyond what he did at Lowick. — the dealers & Shopkeepers have been exceedingly kind to him, in furnishing him with necessaries both for dress & maintenance, he occupies a goodish house, keeps a maid servant & performs miraculous cures. —

I am at present reading some French medical journals which Mr. Stevenson lends me; they contain some remarkable cases, essays and dissertations which possess merit but they take so much time to read them that I have tired of it. — I intend leaving the Edinburgh Med & Surgical Journal for 1846 to continue taking it out in future. —

I wonder you did not write to me when the Princeps died, as you might naturally suppose I should be anxious to know the particulars of so interesting a case; and you would have a better opportunity of learning all the minutiae, than I could thro' the medium of the newspapers. — Henry Sterry too has allowed the price fixed upon for returning an answer to my letter to pass by some time, I suspect he is getting tired of it; quietly I should not be sorry if this mode of corresponding were laid aside altogether for I don't think there is any sincerity in his friendship, without which it will be an unpleasant task to him and an unpleasing one to one. — When you write (if ever I am to hear from you more) I hope you will endeavour to give me some information respecting my trans-Atlantic friends, particularly Mr. Russell & Capt. Davison. — I beg you will write soon and make amends for your past neglect by giving a full, satisfactory, explicit & circumstantial account of your proceedings, that I may still be allowed to believe you consider me to be really and truly.

Your very sincere, faithful & affectionate friend
J. M. Huddespath.

From Mr H. Sterry Junr.

Grange Road, Feb 12, 1840

My dear Friend

A twelvemonth has now glided away since you commenced your professional career at Bowdoss, where I trust the success you have met with, has been commensurate with your exertions I am convinced your persevering industry justifies me in indulging such a hope. — I am much obliged by your last kind letter, which arrived when all the inhabitants of this great city were in dismay at the news

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realization of their darling hopes, in the death of their favourite Princeps, but the grief of the People is now gradually subsiding. I assure you the smallest degree of credit must not for a moment be attached to the idle reports which have been circulated in your neighbourhood, the cause of her death as far as we can learn was internal hemorrhage. Many people are very much prejudiced against Sir Rich. Coft, though Mr Neville speaks of him in the highest terms, he believes him to be a bold and helpful practitioner, and that the Princess had all the assistance her case admitted. Though the loss of the Princess' patronage has been a great disadvantage to Mr Neville, yet his favor has been of great service to him, for families in the neighbourhood who have wanted a consulting Surgeon have called him in instead of sending to London.

I left School at Christmas, and have begun my pupillage in the service of Asculapius, I commenced "Phlebotomizing" at the Workhouse about a week since under the able direction and guidance of Mr Coulter. I have not yet had an opportunity of extracting a tooth, but I hope soon to have the pleasure of performing that operation also. As I have had the advantage of Mr Coulter's advice, you will perceive that he is not only alive, but residing still in the Metropolis of the intellectual world, and has not yet sailed for the land of wealth and luxury, though he has been appointed Surgeon of a very fine ship. He has been a great help to my father this winter in attending the Workhouse so as we have been very unlucky in not meeting with a suitable assistant.

Some Concerts have been established this winter at the London Tavern to which my Father subscribes, there are to be eight, two of which are passed, the instrumental performance has been very good, at the first Concert.

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Miss Sharp played a concerto on the harp, and at the second Lindley delighted us with one on the Violoncello, the sounds which he produced and the ease with which he plays are really astonishing. We have had Abraham both nights. - at the first concert Madame Pador fascinated the company with her Italian Airs, but the second night a cold rendered her sweet voice unmelodious and therefore she thought proper to absent herself. - The Chief Magistrate & his charming Lady & Daughters have dignified by their patronage and graceful presence this Assembly of Apollo's votaries. - The Lord Mayor's highly intellectual and finely wrought countenance incontestably indicates that his soul is powerfully charmed by dulcet sounds. I am sure you would venerate the matronly and dignified countenance of the Queen of the Citizens, rendered still more august by nodding plumes borrowed from the swiftest bird of the East, & by pendant locks behind her ears which probably once adorned one of the species of the stately war-horse, you would have been in raptures with the beauty of their Daughter. - You cannot ^{scarcely} see the sublimity of the assembly when you are told that Angels come to hear Music in the person of one of our prodigiously tall Sheriffs, (his name is Desanges about 5 feet high) and his companion in Office as well as in stature, with spectacled nose is also in the train. Alderman Heygate too, whose visual organs are not sufficiently clear to observe the beauty of the "fairest work in the creation" without the continual aid of a quizzing glass. - It is needless to add that this last paragraph is bombastic. - I cannot conclude without again expressing a hope that you will not be tainted with the disloyal sentiments which are broached in your part of the country Kingdom, notwithstanding you have secluded from this grand seat of loyalty & every political virtue, you must still uphold and venerate the character of our "most gracious Queen", although perhaps her gracious behaviour to her

Grand Daughter ¹⁴⁴ may be questioned, yet I do think the Princeps was somewhat deficient in respect.

My Father, mother, and sister unite with me in best respects and believe me ever to remain

Your most affectionate Friend
Henry Storry

McCoulter is well & desires to be remembered to you.

From Mr Coulter

Sir

Your last epistle is another proof added to the many which I have had of your intrinsic and highly valued friendship. - You affect to be in the dumps at my long silence, I have often seen you in the sulks and am well aware how to manage you. - Now Sir, what do you think of my impertinence? you will say I am a conceited fellow no doubt to dare to address you with so much freedom. Well, I know I cannot offend you and I shall therefore waive all ceremony & proceed to give you a slight outline of my unaccountable conduct towards you and all my northern friends.

My dear John it is with a mixture of pleasure & pain that I have to thank you for all the kind anxiety that you have expressed in your late letter to me. - your surmises are I may say nearly wholly unfounded. - If you think that I either am or have been loitering away my time you are equally wrong. - With respect to my not having set out for India before now, it has been my own choice the changes which have taken place in the destination of the City of London is certainly the reason why I did not

¹⁴⁵ go, but this was only a temporary disappointment, I could have had a ship immediately on resigning the City, and this I know is what few Surgeons in the service can say. - There is no room in this sheet to explain. - I shall in very little time put you in possession of all my adventures. - may hap you may see me at Bowdoin one more. - I shall immediately commence writing my nautical packet which will be forwarded by one of the smacks. - By the last letter which I had from my brother Jackson, he threw out some obscure hints which I am aware he has got from you. - You know when I passed the College I did not take out my Diploma I was obliged from being guilty of poverty to content myself with a Royal Naval Certificate, this has carried me through many hard trials. - certainly it would be better to have the Diploma at once, but where is your Hospital certificate for at least twelve months attendance? &c. &c. £32.0.0 for your Diploma, - no small obstacle. - a lump of money to part with faith!

Moore & Jones' practice was to be disposed of 3 or 4 months since. - my friend Powell had the sole management and disposal of it. - Old Jones died lately. - young Jones has 150 Thousand Pounds and has thrown his Physic to the Dogs. - The sum demanded for the Shop and Practice £1000. not a farthing less. - I could have made a push with 2000. what do you think of me? this however would not by any means suffice. - my good friend Mr Davidson (who offered me the cash) was truly sorry and advises me to remain in London something good will fall out he thinks. - Now for this I must have had my Diploma, and taking the matter seriously into consideration, I resolved upon absenting myself as it were from the busy world and studied very very intensely, knowing from certain circumstances that I would have to undergo another strict examination, as I

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could only be admitted under certain circumstances to an Examination for the Diploma. - Where is your Hospital certificate Sir? would necessarily be the question. Having actually been a Surgeon in the India Service, was a lucky thing for me, but this would not have availed without some stronger recommendations. - My wife were now set to work, I was a little on the fidgets not quite miserable now, but I dare say my dear friend you can readily enough picture to yourself how I was situated. - I now procured letters from Dr. Baillie, Dr. Luke and others which together with the credentials you have seen of my public Services and abilities were laid before a Court of the College. they were approved of & I was deemed admissible to an Examination for the Diploma. - Col. Fagan's, Major Bannys and Col. Ellis's letters accompanied my Budget together with a very handsome one from Capt. Jenkins. - Having made these arrangements I shut myself up and made my mind easy, for supposing I should be rejected I still held the honourable office of Surgeon in the India Service.

I was most annoyed by my friend Henry, plaguing me to accompany him here and there. - He and all the family were in total ignorance of my plans, & so they shall remain.

I finished my studies and this 6th day of Feb^y passed my examination and your Humble Serv^t is now a Member of the College.

I confess I was confoundedly grieved to part with such a lump of Money at this period. I was examined by Sir John Home... I did not fail to tell him I had studied in Paris (where have you studied Sir?) is the first question,) then he very much approved of. - The examination was such as every Surgeon ought to undergo. - It was a happy affair for me, having Sir Everard's Lectures - after having gone through the various treatment of Rabonocela. "Describe Sir, how you would divide the Stricture." I supposed the state of the case, and gave it him exactly in his way (vide his Lectures) this settled the Examination. -

It is now late, the night is at odds with the morning which is

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which, but I could not think of going to repose without writing to him whom I shall ever esteem and love as one of my best of friends. - You will alludge that I might have written notwithstanding all I had to do, but believe me I really could not.

Mr. Henry has been confoundedly annoyed with assistants since Traps left. he has had no less than four. - I was obliged to attend the Hospital in Russell St three times a week besides many Labours &c. - If I happened to be absent two days I was sure to have either the Doctor or Henry calling upon me. - Occasionally I was called out of Bed, this was very unpleasant as I seldom retired before two or three in the morning. For the last fortnight I was obliged to say I had a very particular engagement and have seen them but twice in that period. - tomorrow I must make my appearance at Allsot Place and partake of their Roast Beef. - Mr. Henry persuades me strongly not to go to India, and the old boy is quite vexed when I talk of setting off. - he says "why cant I remain in England?" He wishes me to commence at the Wnd. - would he let me take Mary with me think you? I think I see you smiling at my unbounded presumption and vanity. - Very Fashionable & highly respectable Concerts have been commenced in the City by Subscription, patronized by the Duke of Sussex. - The Forsters and Mrs are Subscribers. - They are held at the City of London Tavern and are really splendid. Mr. Henry is quite delighted with them. - she was the chief instigation of Henry subscribing. - Don't you think the intention is to push a certain young Lady into notice? faith it strikes me so. Mrs. S. I find has a good deal of Gumpition about her. I have refused to accompany them hitherto. I perceive they are a little huffed that I don't go. They I am certain thought I would not refuse dining at Forsters and accompanying them to the Concert. Henry is certainly a curious body when he takes a liking or disliking to a person. - I suppose

Henry has written to you ere now, last time I saw them he was talking about it. - Mr. Spenser getting a Frank from Sir James Lubbock. - I have much to say about Henry when I next have the pleasure of addressing you. - In 3 weeks you may fairly expect the Packet.

I am puzzled to know how you got the name of my new ship & Captain. - Freeman is a very particular friend of mine, he is Son-in-law to the Gentleman who was Chief of the City. - but for particular reason I wish none but yourself and my own relations to know any thing about my proceedings.

I am rejoiced to hear you confess at last that you can scarcely a living. - I have heard that you are the chief Doctor in the Country. - See my dear friends at Lowick as soon as you can. - desire Father to write immediately & give me a long letter. - Present my kind regards to your good Father & Mother & all the members of the Family. - And to all our good folks at Lowick. - God bless you. I am your very affectionate & unalterable friend
I Coulter. -

From the Rev. Israel Craig

I. Craig presents his Complts. to Mr. Hudspeeth & is concerned to say that last night Mr. H. advanced an accusation against him, an accusation aggravated by a repetition: which he affirms to be false: & contemplating all the circumstances of the Case, without an apology their intimacy will be suspended.

Wednesday Morning

From Mr. R. Hudspeeth.

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Edinburgh Feb. 14. 1810

My Dear Brother,

I have been very long in answering your short Epistle though I promised to do it soon after Christmas, but you must excuse me as it is not through dilatoriness or neglect but for want of time. I have been kept as busy as possible with my 4 College Classes together with a private French class which I thought it was proper to attend for the sake of teaching this now very fashionable language. - If I was busy before I am ten times more so now, since I became a sort of a Tutor in a family. - The Gentleman's name is Russell a writer to the signet & one of the Clerks of the Jury Court, he is Grandson to the renowned Historiographer Dr. Robertson also nephew to a Lord Robertson in the Court of Session. - his wife is the Daughter of a Col. Murray in Shropshire. - they seem to be very free mind people. my charge is a Boy 7 years of age, besides endeavouring to train another about 4, to a habit of sitting still and teaching him the Alphabet. I have got the ascendancy over them during the little while I have been there, and it is the desire of their Paper that I should keep them completely in awe of me.

I write in great haste, as I have all my lessons to prepare yet for the morrow. - I go to Mr. Russells at 10 in the forenoon, return to my Classes at 11, go back again at 2 & continue till 8. I of course dine & drink tea with the family except when they have select parties. - My Salary is at the rate of 40£ per Annum which was procured through the medium of Professor Christison who recommended me. - enough of this.

I saw my Sister today as she was going to the Class with

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her little ignorant, flattering, intolerable Imps, I am
grieved to see her hacked about after them from Claps to
Claps & must likewise on the Saturday be with them at
the Dancing for 3 or 4 hours without having the least time
to call upon any of her friends. My Dear John I wish you
would write her, she supposes herself altogether neglected
by you, & you know she has enough to bear without being
increased by the neglect of a brother whom she tenderly loves.
I hope you will embrace an early opportunity of deceiving
her in her apprehensions & also endeavour to drop a few
lines to me, do not say you have not time, no person can
be more engaged than I am at present, from 7 in the Morning
to Two again I have not a moment to spare yet I to write.
By the bye, John I have been obliged to borrow Mr. Ritchison's
watch & if you remember as you will undoubtedly do, that
you promised to give me yours when you was rich, & as I suppose
you will now be as rich as a Jew, it of course follows by Ma-
thematical or Logical reasoning that you will — what was I
going to say? I do not ask it I only give you a broad hint,
excuse my freedom. — I saw Miss Hog last night & her stiff
Sister and Nephew, you know who I mean, they could scarce-
ly allow themselves to speak to me & fool as I was I intended
my hand upon them but catch me for the future I shall let
them see I can be as distant as they. — my worthy Sister re-
ceives the same treatment from them. Give my love to
all the family, particularly to my dear Mother & Father & your-
self. Dear Doctor remember be kind to them all, I enjoin you to be
so. If you can read this it will serve its purpose: you know
I can't write fast fast and well well, Adieu with every
thing that is good from your affectionate Brother Robert.

Postscript. — I have to beg a favor of you which I

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hope you will not refuse, namely the Loan of a 5 £ Note
you shall be repaid as soon as I receive any money from
Mr. Russell. — I do not know how he intends paying me
and as my Sister's purse is almost drained, I have resolved
to apply to you to advance this sum. — I should not have
needed if Elizabeth had it, but she has barely as much as
will keep her till May. — I believe I shall not be left than
30 Pounds expences this Session, a great sum to be sure &
the most of which I have received from Eliza: however I hope
soon to be able to reimburse her.

Believe me your truly affectionate Brother
R. Hudspeth

From M. J. Hood. Moy near Fort William

20th March. 1818

My Dear Sir

I have repeatedly intended to have wrote you long
ere now, and has as often put it off from one circumstance or another
till now. My Father's journey and mine into Northumberland last
was fully with an intention of taking a farm, provided we could meet
with one worth the money, but that did not take place. — We have
some I saw you taken a very extensive sheep walk from Moy
Constituent Glenary, it contains upwards of 24,000 Scotch Acres.
I expect this Terment will graze nearly 5000 Sheep of the Cheviot
breed the mostly under blackfaced sheep at present and the whole
is well surrounded with good safe wintering, its Southern boundary
lies on the North side of Loch Lochy and stretches northwards to
Loch Garry and runs westward for several miles till it joins
nearly Loch Duich, those you will observe from the Map are
all fresh water Lochs. — Our grass Mail will be equal to about 4/9

or 2/4¹⁵² per sheep which I think ought to pay well unless
times fall very much indeed. It appears to us a much more
rational bargain than any thing we could fall in with in your
neighbourhood. - We had the preference of it previous to our
Northumberland joint, which very likely made us more nice
than we otherwise would have been. - My time was so
much taken up in Edin. on business of importance that
prevented me having the pleasure of seeing your sister,
I only spent a day & a half there & was not during that
time half an hour at leisure. - I should imagine
from the populous neighbourhood in which you have
set yourself down as a professional man that you ought
to make pretty well of it, particularly from your fa-
ther's acquaintance in that quarter, tho' there seems at
present a dreadful cry out in all quarters for employment
to medical men. - And while on that subject, I should feel
obliged to you for your advice with regard to my youngest
brother's first outset in that line. Our present plan is
to request of the Member of Parliament for this County
who is one of the principal Directors of the East India Comp^y.
to procure him a situation in India but whether this plan
is a prudent one or not we are at a loss to know, tho' we
have every confidence in the member and is aware that
many have done well who went there at his recommendation.
From the present appearance of the times I should think
that your neighbour Mr Henderson's Farming concerns will turn
out a good bargain. - It is astonishing to see what a rise in
lands has taken place within the last 2 months, and I am
convinced had my Father and I not closed in with Hungary
before now, that we would not have got the Tenement we have

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taken so cheap by a Hundred a year, what is to be the end of
the present rise Heaven knows. - The weather here at present
is very stormy, & has been for some time back so much so that
it will prove very injurious to Sheep Stocks in this County.
My Father & Mother join me in respects to all your Family
and believe me to be - My dear friend

Yours most sincerely
W. Hood

From J. Coultter Esq. Surgeon. H. C. I. C. S
Freeschool Street, April 11, 1818

My dear John
What an awful silence has existed between
you and I. - why have you not favored me with one of
your welcome letters. - I wrote to my dear Parents a fort-
night ago, and I begin to be alarmed at not having an
answer! how comes this silence on their part? - God God
what is the matter! I requested them to write by return
of Post. - I presume you have been apprized of my
good fortune. - I have now secured the identical appoint-
ment which has raised me to the summit of my ambi-
tion. - This I know you think is of no little magnitude.
I at this moment hold two appointments, viz Surgeon
of the Hon^{ble} Co^{ms} Ship Lord Keith & of the Bengal establishment,
the former I am afraid I must resign but I am de-
termined to hold it to India if possible & then resign it
to my Assistant this however is speculation. - There are
nothing left than Six Passengers going on my account

(recommended by the ladies ¹⁵⁴ who came home with me in the City) and the Capt has expressed himself most highly indebted to me, and has handsomely begged me to do him the honour to accept of my Passage in the Lord Keith, gratis. if I should not go as Surgeon of the Ship. - this will save at least £200. - bravo. - I know of no man, who I am certain will rejoice more at my success than yourself, and what a pleasure it is to me to have such a bosom friend! I hope this will reach you in time for my having an answer by this day week. - Up, the Postman knocks. - a letter from my Father, thank God! All's well. - the tears stream down my face. - father has written me a most affecting letter, taking leave of me as it were forever. - what a distressing idea to one who loves their parents; my sole ambition is to make them happy and when I reflect that my present appointment will soon enable me to effect this, I am compelled to bury my sorrows in the pleasing hope of soon returning to enjoy the happiness of their and your society. - when I wrote to Thomas, I had some little intention of setting off for the North, but really I find I have so much to do, together with the painful idea of parting again, I have therefore given up the idea, and will certainly embark about the 3^d or 4th of next month for Madras and Bengal. - I have procured numerous Letters of recommendation to the Heads in India, which will no doubt be highly subservient to me. - what a happy man, I consider myself! You would laugh to observe the curiosity and I dare say no small degree of envy of my brother Surgeons at the Coffee House; my having secured Freeman so many Passengers has made me quite a man of consequence, and the attainment of this favorite appointment adds still to my importance. Your acquaintance

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Halleday, whom I have mentioned in my long letter (which was finished a month ago) has by a mere accident got appointed to a China ship, and thinks himself no small man. he sails in a Day or two. - The Doctor is quite in the dumps because I have got the appointment, he says why can I not stay in London, where he is certain I would do better than by going to India: but I know better. - when I showed him the confirmation of my Appointment he told me point blank with a squeeze of the hand that he was truly sorry for it, and did not speak nor look pleasant during the whole of the evening. - Mary told me "she is sure her Papa is worse than when Mr Henderson left for India!!" Now what a conceited fool I must be thought (by you) to tell you all this, but you know I am fond of proposing the good opinion of such worthy people. - He is now very cheerful and has intimated his intention of going down to Gravesend with me: indeed he expressed a particular desire to go, I could not do less than propose the Ladies to accompany us, to which he readily, with a good natured grin, consented to. - Mary blush'd, laugh'd, and exclaimed she was so happy to think of having the pleasure of going to Gravesend. - Mr. Key is quite rejoiced and we have only to fix the day. - The Forsters would fain go, but are afraid of the water; they will probably go in their Carriage to Gravesend where we are to have a stroll. I dined at their Town House with a large party a few days ago. - For the next three weeks I will be completely busy; I set off, for Exham and Hampton on Tuesday and Henry is to meet me at Esher (Nevelles) on Wednesday. - It will be a bit of a bother taking them to Gravesend but I cannot avoid it. - you would laugh to see how much they are all pleased with the prospect of going. - I shall not have time to go to France as I intended. - From Morning till night I wander about picking up all I can for speculation. I can have goods on credit, to any amount, but I detest and ever will the idea of being in debt - it will take every farthing I

propose to Reg me out ¹⁵⁶ in the necessary way -- If I want a few thousands I have only to name it to my friend Davidson who has repeatedly offered me his assistance. -- It will take £500 to equip me and with this I know I can cut as great a dash as most people with double the sum. -- There is a nephew of Sir J. M. G. (Director General of the Madras Department) going out with us, he and I will probably occupy the same Cabin -- he is Assistant Surgeon on the Madras Establishment I am for Bengal. -- I shall write you at all opportunities and give a full & clear account of all my plans & proceedings. I hope you will have no objection to be named one of my Executors, as I mean to regulate my affairs in the most correct manner possible. -- but more of this hereafter. --

Henry has just been here, to ask what day I can fix for going to Gravesend, this creature, will destroy completely the pleasure which we would otherwise have, were he not to go. -- I intend taking the advice of Mr. Foster, before speaking to his father about his general conduct. -- his behaviour to his good mother is worse and worse I am quite disgusted with him. -- I never can have a private chat with M-4 in consequence of his compounded impudence in following me. -- Now my dear Friend, you will think I am in for it with this amiable girl, but what is the use of my saying any thing about it. -- They would not allow her to go to India, even supposing I could have her, of which I can hardly presume to hope. -- Alas! I must give up the idea and not entangle myself as yet. -- Now don't laugh at my folly and presumption. -- I am convinced I am a favourite with Mary. -- what an honour to be sure, I'd even expect this to never! give me your advice on this serious, this darling subject!!! What do you think the Old Man would say were I to tell him I am in love with his darling Daughter?

Now my dear John, what do you think will be the best plan

to adopt for my brother Charles, I am ¹⁵⁷ quite at a loss. I wish to have him in the Profession, but how is this to be done? If you would teach him to read prescriptions &c he would acquire some knowledge of the rudiments of the Profession and then I should wish him to be bound for 3 or 4 years to some respectable Surgeon in good practice. I am certain you would teach him as well as any man I know. I would wish Charles & J. H. H. to go hand in hand, & in time I hope to be able to do something for them. -- had either, been qualified just now, how singly I could have got them into the Keith.

I shall send off a Box in the middle of the week and will send another parcel before I leave. -- you must accept of all my Instruments. -- I have now to beg you will write me immediately, don't lose a single post if possible. present my kind regards to all your dear family and believe me, my dear and worthy John,

Your most affectionate Friend
J. Coultter

You shall learn all news of your Trans Atlantic friends in my next. -- Direct to me at the Jerusalem Coffee House, I leave Frieschoolstreet in the course of a day or two for more elegant apartments. -- My mind is quite in a state of confusion since I received Father's letter, I am very happy however to hear they are all well. -- The Muckle Fortune will keep them easy for a short time. -- I beg that Muckle may not be said about my Appointment.

To J. Coultter Esq. Surgeon. Jerusalem Coffee House,
Bouddon, April 17th 1818

My dear Friend

It is with the most heartfelt satisfaction that I have heard of your good fortune, and I lose no time in

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expressing to you how happy this intelligence together with the receipt of your letter has made me. What can be more gratifying than to see those we love prospering in the world and enjoying the friendship and esteem of the excellent of the earth. From the few friends here who participate of the joy which all that wish you well do feel at your success, I don't think it right to conceal any thing respecting you of a propitious nature. Mr. Stevenson for instance said to me yesterday: "do you know, I've oftentimes been very uneasy about him (meaning you)." "Did John I wish things may be going right with him" or being informed that Fortune had been kind, she expressed her unfeigned satisfaction. The Doctor too will be pleased, but he said little I suspect he feels hurt at your neglecting him. I understand William is to be sent to London this summer and is to go into a situation if one can be procured for him. would it not be doing Mr. a kindness if we could get W. into Sturges family?

My not having written to you before this proceeded from no want of inclination to do it I assure you, but relying on your promise I have expected your Bridget by Sea for some weeks past. your delay is very excusable considering the importance and multiplicity of business you have in hand.

You must pardon me, in absolutely refusing your Instruments nothing can vex me more completely than your prodigal kindness, if the Instruments be unfit for your use they will certainly sell for something and help to put better in their place, besides I have no great occasion for them and in all probability I will not be long here. You know my resolute temper; when once my determination is formed, it is not easily shaken and if I continue to think as I now do, I hope one day to shake hands with you on the Golden Banks of the Ganges. I will not tell you how this visionary scheme is to be realized, for you will

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perhaps not only think me mad, but attempt to dissuade me from the project. The wasteful progress of time and the directing hand of Providence will also raise me to the summit of my ambition.

I can hardly suppress a smile whenever I think of the passion that has taken possession of your heart. Is it possible that you have allowed your heart to be wounded by the piercing darts from Cupid's quiver! but I cannot blame you, for they are irresistible when inflicted with angelic force, and melted by angelic charms. If the torch of Love is actually kindled in your bosom I hope that worthy object, who has kindled so pure a flame, will alone extinguish it before the sacred Altar. Had there been any appearance of levity throughout your letter, I would almost have doubted your sincerity, but since you have mentioned the subject with the utmost gravity and seriousness, I must also endeavour to put on a long face and say something about it, tho' it is a puzzling thing to advise in such a kettle case. You will already anticipate my unqualified approval of your choice: from the first of my knowing Miss Terry I liked her, and after living long under the same roof and observing the uniformity and sweetness of her temper, her dutiful and affectionate deportment to her parents, the numerous accomplishments that adorn her intelligent mind, added to an agreeable person and most amiable manners, I certainly had reason to admire her more, and I do still think more highly of her than of most other women. It would give me infinite pleasure to behold her your wife, because you would be happy and you would make her happy.

To unite yourself to such an amiable creature would communicate an additional lustre to your splendid prospects, and implant a gem in your bosom more valuable than all the mines of India can produce. To attain so desirable an object it will cost you some hard struggles: the breaking off the subject to her Father will require all your courage, but this over, the battle's won.

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so cheer up, my good fellow and "snake," a bold stroke for a wife," you know. "faint heart never won fair lady." - I cannot produce one objection to the measure. I believe a wife in India is a saving rather than a drawback, and I have heard her declare how much she would like to go to India. - her Papa will not willingly part with his darling daughter, but her inclination joined to your wishes I think will prevail. - at all events it ought never to lessen you in their esteem because you think favorably of the daughter.

How to dispose of Charles is another matter of importance. - nothing shall be wanting on my part to promote your views as far as I can. - but Charles must be eminent in the Profession and for this purpose he must have a classical education which he cannot have while he stays at home. - Before I received your letter I had caused him to commence the study of Latin under my brother Robt. who is at home at present, but his stay will be short and he will soon lose all he has acquired. - J^r. Hudspeth is similarly circumstanced, therefore some plan must be devised to render their classical instruction effectual and permanent, and what appears to me the most eligible I can think of is the following. -

Robt. is tutor in a family in Edinburgh where he attends a certain portion of the day and has private lodgings of his own, now as lodging and living is not expensive in Edinburgh, particularly where two or three join together. - we propose sending J^r. to be entirely under Robt.'s direction. - if you approve of the measure Chas^r might make a 3^d person and at a comparatively small expense might have as good an education as at the most expensive Academies. - Besides common Arithmetic and Mathematics Robt. is qualified to teach Latin Greek and French. - The 3^d of a room if it was even that you and I lodged in in Richmond St. would not amount to a mighty sum and as Chas^r and J^r. might dispense with dainties they might live at a moderate rate. - Robert eats in the Family which is respectable; the gentleman

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is grandson to D^r Robertson, the famous historiographer, and nephew to a Lord Robertson. - the great object of getting into a family is the intent they propose in procuring Church presentations. - My sister too has begun to move in the higher circles, she goes into the family of Sir Neil Menzies of Castle Menzies in the Highlands of Perthshire to superintend the education of Sir Neil's two Daughters by a former Lady. - the present Lady (a most amiable woman) is daughter of the Hon. Baron Portman - brother of Lord Grantley &c. -

Your request that I should perform the melancholy duty of Executor I cannot refuse as I hope the painful task will never fall to my lot, and I approve of your making prudent arrangements. - Our relative Capt. Rowland is dead.

As I hope to hear from you again before you leave England I shall not at present take my leave of you. - My best regards to your friends and I approve of your determination not to come down, which would only aggravate the pangs the prospect of your long absence must produce. - With every sentiment of respect and esteem. - I remain

Your sincere and affectionate Friend
J. M. Hudspeth.

To Mr. Henry Junr. Albert Place, Grange Road, Beconsfield

Rowdson, April 20th 1810

My dear Henry

My remissness and breach of engagement is so unpardonable that it will scarcely admit of an apology therefore I will not waste time and words in making any.

You cannot doubt of the pleasure of your last very elegant letter afforded me giving such a splendid and sublime description of your highly refined society and amusements, so far superior

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to the groveling pursuits of humble life, that it was to me as a
welcome message from the living to the dead. It is well that
the wisdom of Providence has formed man so various in intellect
with desires so different that they are every where to be found happy
and contented in the whatever situation they may be placed.

I am very glad to hear that you have entered the ranks of
Esculapius, and under such an able leader as your father, your
impetuous zeal to disarm the pestiferous hordes of Pandora,
cannot fail to raise you to the highest pinnacle of fame;
already I anticipate in you a bright ornament to our Pro-
fession.

At this important of your life I cannot suppress the
inclination I feel to make a few remarks, even though they should
be ill timed and ill taken. You have just left school and may
be considered as emerging from youth to manhood. Your mind
no longer engaged with daily application to study, will naturally
seek amusement from new sources; you will begin to mingle more
with the gay giddy world and consequently will be exposed to evils
which hitherto you have been a stranger to. Youthful minds
left to the bent of their own inclination are too apt to be led
astray by the seductive influence of badly selected companions;
the vanity of affecting manliness causes them to do things im-
proper from an emulation to resemble their ~~superiors~~ ^{peers} in
serious in years and in folly. A sense of shame & the admon-
itions of conscience may restrain for a time but habit and
bad example are soon able to overcome such transitory scruples.

I am far from thinking my dear Henry, that any unusual
depravity lurks in your ingenuous breast, but at the same
time I think that your temper is of a nature apt to lead
you into the society of those who stile themselves and are admitted
to be "fine fellows", a sort of merry, social, senseless, thoughtless beings,
who are destitute of the best principles of morality. Such companions

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I would entreat you to shun as you regard your happiness &
prosperity in the world. Let your aim be to deserve the approbation
of the Wise and good and with such talents as you possess pro-
perly applied you cannot fail to hold a respectable, honourable
and useful rank in society. There is another subject of
rather a delicate nature which I cannot forbear mentioning
it may hurt your feelings, but my real friendship for your-
self and family will not allow me to conceal my sentiments
at the same time I hope these observations may now be quite
unnecessary. Formerly I used to think your behaviour to your
excellent mother extremely harsh and rude, now nothing can
be more unmanly than to treat any lady with uncivility
and it is the more unpardonable where filial affection ought
to supersede personal respect. I am convinced it does not proceed
from want of due attachment to your parent, nor from any
moroseness of temper, but from pure thoughtlessness and the
insidious growth of habit; it is a fault you can easily correct
if not already done, and I hope you will allow me the satisfaction
to hear that such is the case or such your intention. Your sister
too, your amiable, only sister should not be made to blush for
the severity of your remarks or the vulgarity of your witticisms.

I trust you will appreciate the motive which dictates these
observations and not be offended at my freedom; I will gladly
attend to any admonitions you may think proper to dictate
to me.

I have lately heard of Mr Coulter's presentation to another
appointment in the India service. He seldom writes to me,
I suppose his other engagements occupy so much of his time
and thoughts that distant friends are overlooked, but I can
readily forgive him. I am so convinced of the sincerity of
uniformity & constancy of his friendship, that while I know he
is well his silence gives me no uneasiness.

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As it is not unlikely Mr C. may have changed his lodgings
or be out of town, I have taken the liberty of troubling you
with a Box which I would thank you to send to the Hudson's
Bay House, along with the enclosed letter to Mr Lean.

I am ashamed to offer Miss Sterry these few plants, but
they are just such as this poor country produces and all I
have been able to collect. With best respects to your
father, mother, and sister allow me, my dear Henry, to subscribe
myself.

Your very sincere friend
I No Hudspeth

To Mr Jas^r Russell, Southern Department, Hudsons Bay

My dear Sir

Though divided by Oceans or Continents or prevented
by a still more insuperable obstacle, (ignorance of your place
of abode) from holding any epistolary correspondence with you,
I shall never forget those friends who contributed so much to my
happiness and comfort in the time of need and suffering.

The approaching month, when the Ships set out on their North
West voyage reminds me of a duty I owe to my trans Atlantic
friends: - last year I delayed writing anxiously expecting to hear
some account of the Ships that went out the preceding year &
hoping to get some information respecting you. - I waited too
long and lost the opportunity altogether, my distance from
London rendering it a difficult matter to get any thing sent
intended for Hudsons Bay with any certainty of its being for-
warded to you. At present I write as it were to the man
in the moon, I know not where you are, nor whether you are

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in the land of the living, but be as it will I have resolved to
dispatch this scripary in pursuit of you, that either you or
yours may be assured of the continuance of my esteem & remem-
brance. - indeed I am sure I think much often of you than
you can do of me. - my mind frequently strolls away to the
western world and takes a review of all my accustomed haunts
thru' the woods and plains, then returns and with pleasure re-
members the peaceful serenity of Eastmain's fireside, then a
number of enquiries present themselves respecting those who
formed our little group, but all conjectures are vague and un-
satisfactory, I must wait with patience till I can hear of you
thru' some regular channel. Up to this hour I am quite ignorant
of the fate of the ships that have gone out these two last seasons,
probably you too well know. - and mayhap you know a great deal
more of the company's affairs at home than I do, you will have heard
among other things that I laid before the Hon^{ble} Committee of Directors
a written Document which fell into my hands while in Hudsons Bay,
of what resulted from it I know nothing, but whatever effect it might
produce I sincerely hope you have sustained no injury from its con-
sequences. - Bad as Hudsons Bay is, and exposed as you are to privations
dangers, disappointments and vexations, the same in various degrees
falls to the lot of mankind even in every country and every rank in
society, a certain proportion of the evils, as well as as the good
things of this life seems to be necessary to keep us in that happy me-
dium which renders life desirable and the prospect of death sup-
portable. - In Britain there has been misery enough ever since
the termination of the war, Hundreds of thousands have been
supported by parochial charity or the bounty of private indivi-
duals and very many are emigrating to America in hopes of an
ameliorating their condition; under such circumstances who would
return to this country who can do better? Nay where you are my
good friend if you can do it with advantage to yourself and family.

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What would you think to see ^{me} back again? I do assure you I have not been happier since than I was while there; but I think I shall wait now till you are Governor, Governor in Chief, or Governor general, when I should hope to obtain some honourable office in ^{due} you - pardon my presumption if I aspire to that of Deputy or Governor Loco. vo. - At present I am settled in the practice of my Profession at Bowdon a village 8 miles from Birwick upon Tweed, and I may say with tolerable success but owing to the general badness of the times, money is scarce and not easily got.

As an accoucheur I believe there are few in this part of the country who have a more extensive practice, but it will require a long time to get rich with my present earnings, it is not all saving as with you.

There has been tragical work I see ⁱⁿ the Red River country, and several whom we know have formed a conspicuous part in these sanguinary proceedings - My tenderer Rogers was made to bite the dust in that massacre in which the worthy M. Sample lost his life - and the well known execrable Keweny has met with that fate his crimes so well merited, he never observed the golden maxim "to do to others as he would have others do to him," but Providence was more just. "The measure he had meted to others was meted to him again." Thinking you might derive some amusement and information from the statements published by the two contending parties respecting the disputes between Lord Selkirk and the N.W.C. I have procured two Books on the subject and send them to you without comment. I likewise enclose a few Newspapers they are not of a very intelligent description, but they will give an outline of what has been passing in Europe and help to beguile a tedious hour perhaps. - You will have heard in course of the lamentable death of the Princess Charlotte, the event was much deplored at the time, but the grief it occasioned is now worn off.

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In a high political capacity her place is likely to be filled up again for most of our Princes & Princesses are forming matrimonial alliances, all emulous to become the father or mother of the future sovereigns of Britain. - even the old Princess Elizabeth is going to try her luck.

I have to beg Mrs. Russells acceptance of the accompanying trifle (a tartan gown) as a very inadequate reward for the many ^{small} favours I received from her, ^{while} in Hudsons Bay. I hope she may receive it safe and wear and enjoy it in better times than those in which I sojourned with you. - tell her to make my love to all the good Squaws that know me, not forgetting Sally. & to tell Sally not to be in a hurry to take a Husband for perhaps I may come out again. - I send a little Tobacco for old Peggy at Eastmain if she is alive.

You may be sure I will be most happy to receive a voluminous detail of all that has transpired in Hudsons Bay since I left it. - If you would make up a small parcel enclosing a pair of shoes or any thing of that kind with a large letter or number of letters I would receive all the news, enjoy in fact a complete intellectual feast at a very moderate expence. This parcel should be directed for me to the care of Mr. Story, Grange Road, Bermondsey, London, and any thing safely delivered there would be forwarded to me.

Remember me to Mr. Gladman from whom I should be happy to receive a letter. - I should have written to him but perhaps he may be inland. - Should you be leaving the country I would wish Mr. Gladman to have the Books I have sent, unless you chose to retain them. - Remember me also to Mr. Christie, as to the rest they are almost obliterated from my remembrance but I still continue, my dear Sir,

Your very sincere friend
J. M. Hudspeeth

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To T. A. Russell Esq. Coroner, Alnwick

Sir

A sudden Death has taken place in this neighbour-
hood which, it is thought necessary you should be made acquaint-
ed with, that an Inquest may be held or not as you think
requisite. The case is as follows. -

Mr Tho. Jackson Senr. of Lickar in the Parish of Lowick
had occasion to be at Alnwick on Saturday last (on Parish business)
where he drank freely and continued in a state of Intoxication
all the way home, so much so as to require the constant care
and attention of a friend who was with him, to confine him
on his horse. - When near home he got a little before his com-
panion and fell from his horse, the other came up about Five
minutes after the accident and conveyed him to a neighbouring
Public House (the horse had run off) - He was put to bed there and
when roused a few hours afterwards by some persons sent to fetch
him home, he spoke, walked about, and rode home a distance
of 2 miles. - after his arrival he spoke for a little while, but
soon after fell into a state of stupor which terminated in
Death, about 10 o'clock on Sunday evening. - There were no marks
of violence whatever on the body except a slight wound on the
Elbow occasioned by the fall.

I am Sir

Lowick, May 4. 1848

Your Obedt. Servt.
J. M. Hudspeeth, Surgeon

Attested by us - - { J Jackson, Overseer
R Scott, Churchwarden

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To Messrs J. M. Hudspeeth, J. Jackson & R. Scott Lowick

Gentlemen

I beg leave to inform you, that there
is no occasion whatever, for an Inquest to be held on the
body of Mr Tho. Jackson Senr; from the way he has come to his
Death.

I am Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Servant

Thomas Adams Russell

Coroner for Northumberland

Alnwick
5th May, 1848

J. M.

From Mr. Coulter Esq.

Deal 10th May 1848

My dear & worthy Friend!

When you observe from whence this letter is
dated you will readily conclude that my period of embarkation
is near at hand. - I have so much on my mind at this mo-
ment that really I scarcely know how to communicate all I wish
to say to you. - Since the receipt of your kind letter I have been
I may justly say prevented from writing to you. - I received a letter
from Mr. Stevenson but have not been able to reply to it.

Allow me my dear John, to offer you my most cordial thanks
for the friendly and very judicious plan which you pointed out
relative to the professional education of Charles and your brother James,
really I think the plan is excellent, yet I fear the want of an
immediate command of money, would be rather a check to your
very praiseworthy scheme. - Another thing, on my writing to Mr. Stevenson

and intimating my wish to have Charles brought up in the Medical profession, he in a very handsome & friendly manner proposed taking him, but he expects a premium. Now, I know not what to do in this case: what to offer him I really know not, besides I could not pay him for some time at least. - What would he say was I to offer him the paltry sum of 50 Guineas? I fear he would consider this an insult. I dare say he will not take less than 100 or 150 Guineas, and you know my dear John, running into those little debts, which of course must all be paid in time, would tend very materially to keep me in the back ground. I must however determine and write to Mr. before I leave England - suppose I were to offer him the sum of 50 Guineas and leave it to himself to propose any amendment? my prospects being at present very good, were I to leave it to himself I fear he would lay it on too thick for me. - Should Charles not go to Mr. I know you will not hesitate to guide his plans - for little fellow his getting on in life will entirely depend on my success. - I am puzzled to know what to do for the best. I should like him to be another year or 18 months at School. Pray my beloved friend impress on his mind the great necessity of attention to his education.

I hope to God when James & Charles have closed their studies, I will be able to do something for them, I shall give you a long Epistle by the first opportunity. I had a letter of 22 pages finished for you & intended sending it by the boy, but in the confusion of packing, have actually sent it on board, together with the receipt for Modie's money, this however I presume you will think of no material consequence.

Our Passengers are all here ready to embark but it will be a day or two before we sail. To all appearance we shall have a most delightful party, there will be 30 at our Table.

I am vastly pleased with the Lord Keith, she is a very fine Ship. - Well, I had all our Abbot Place friends down at Gravesend with me, and a more happy day never was spent. We took our Passage in a Quince and Boat and after a delightful sail of 3 1/2 hours reached the T. & S. Lord Keith, where we found Capt. Freeman, his brother, and five or six of my friends, who gave the Ferry's a most hearty welcome on board. - Capt. F. was most particularly attentive. - Their Dinner was over when we arrived, but in less than an hour there was a most sumptuous Dinner set out for us, which rather astonished and not less pleased my dear friends. - The Captain and his party retired & left us to enjoy ourselves, and upon my word I never saw the Doctor eat such a Meal as he did that day, indeed they all played their parts in great style. - Mrs. declared she never saw better cooking than what was exhibited in our Ship Dinner. - The Doctor was fit to jump over the Moon never did I see a man in such glee. - As for Mrs. Henry she talked so rapidly that it was a difficult matter to understand her at times, she was above all most highly delighted. - The day was extremely fine and the Banks of the River you well know how grand they appear. - Miss S. (that ornament of the human race) was quite thunder-struck with the beautiful views in passing down to the Ship.

Think what pleasure it gave me to see her enjoy the jaunt, and above all was so very much pleased with the Ship, that she candidly declared that she would like extremely well to go a voyage to India, if they were all going, I watched her while she said this and observed her colour up in a most extraordinary manner. - I looked I don't know how queerish, I dare say. - In short I never spent a more agreeable day, and it was gratifying to me to see my dear friends so handsomely treated by Capt. Freeman, who was all politeness & attention.

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He is without exception as worthy a man as ever had command
of a Ship. The Doctor got himself half and half - so I need not tell
you how he behaved. - he was so much pleased that he hardly
knew how to look or speak. - The Forsters were even more anxious
about the excursion than the Herrys, except Mary who was
quite terrified lest she should be disappointed. - I must not
omit saying something about Henry, who you are well aware
is not the most agreeable companion. - I was surprized to see
the boy swallow so much wine, he, as well as the Doctor was
half tipsy. - he too was well pleased with the jaunt, at least
he was obliged to say so. - We got up to Town again about 11
o'clock. - The Forsters who were so extremely anxious to go were
sadly disappointed by a parcel of friends arriving from
the Country, whom they could not well leave. - this chagred
them not a little.

The Herrys and I have interchanged reciprocal pledges
of friendship. - One, which I have received consists of an
elegant Brooch set with the Family Hair, on one side, there
is the Initials H. M. S. (Henry and Mary Herrys the father's
mother) on the other side. M. H. S. i.e. Mary & Henry
with some of her Hair. - She (I mean Mary) has worked me
a most beautiful purse, and given me a set of Etchings
executed by herself. - By the bye, she wishes very much for a
Drawing of your House at Worsdown also of mine, take care
of the White Swan Inn. - I think you could send them up a little
outline of our Mansions. - make them look as well as you
can. - perhaps Mary may see them yet. - You see,
my Dear John, how I am attached to that amiable girl, yet tho'
I have had the return of a squeeze of the hand and many
other oblique proofs of her attachment to me, I have taken
leave without posing the question - I could not muster
courage to tell them when I should leave, for the task of parting

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would have been terrible to both them and myself. - The
day previous to my departure I settled my little Banking Bill
with Mr Forster and happened to say to Mr Clark of Lubbocks House
that I was going off to the E. Indies the following morning, this
reached Mr Herrys ears, and at 6 o'clock in the morning he was at
my lodgings in Surry Street, but I slept at the Terrace Head
so he thought he had missed me and posted on to the Brick-
layers Arms where he and Henry both met me in Tears!!

The Coach did not stop above 5 minutes, so I was obliged
to embrace and take leave of one of the best hearted men
in existence. - Henry blubbered lustily. - I made him a
present of 5 Guineas and a handsome Umbrella £1.14.0 which
pleased him wonderfully. - By the bye they insisted on
having my profile and in return gave me each of theirs.
I have got Mary's too - a striking likeness, so all of them
are. - Latterly Mr Herrys never could speak of my going
away without shedding tears. - it was quite foolish of her.

Mary and I walked to the Asylum together a few Sundays ago,
the Doctor asked me to take charge of her as Mrs. M. Henry did
not go, and he himself had to make some rounds. She coloured up
so when the old boy made the proposal. - therefore when we got
into the Street, I said to her I was afraid she did not wish to walk
with me. - she coloured up you know how and said really I
was mistaken for she felt the highest pleasure in walking
with me &c &c. - at this period I could perceive her quite in
a tremor, I was not less so. - We had a great deal of chat about
Henry - I told Mary I did not admire his conduct to his mother
- she looked like an Angel and said. Oh dear! I am so happy
you have noticed this - I then told her it was my intention to speak
to Mr Forster or Mr Sharp about his behaviour. She shed a few tears,
said, I was all goodness, and how happy she would be if I would do
so in fact I anticipated what she was about to say to me. - this gave

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rise to many cordial squeezes of the hand & arms - I am
running on at a rate which must prove to you how deeply
I am in love with that sweet girl - I have not however com-
mitted myself in any way, so that I suppose the Calp Love
will cool before I reach India - at present however, I confess
myself in love, and for the first time quit my native
land with sensations the most distressing that can possibly
be imagined - Well I must say adieu to this subject, I dare
say you will hear more of it bye and bye.

I have seen Mr Deane and gave your letter to him. He was
very polite and enquired kindly for you - Mr Russell has left
the service but he will be sure to forward the box to him.
Capt. Turner has left off going to sea - I must beg of you
to present my kind and affectionate love to your dear mother
and beg of her to accept a gown which I have sent to her
by sea; and you must accept of my Instruments, but I
fear you dont think them worth your notice - I was
happy to hear from Mr Nevenson that you are getting
on so well, he informs me that you are carrying all
before you - why then my dear John would you talk of
shaking hands with me on the banks of the Ganges? or more
of this - take a Wife and remain where you are; I hope
at some future day to return and find you happy & blessed
with a Wife and family - you must not now think of chan-
ging your situation in life, really there are few more
fortunate than you considering all things -

I have spent an enormous sum of money with one
thing and another. I am now leaving with about Twenty
sovereigns in my pocket, and property on board to the
amount 650 or 700 £. - I dont think I will insure a single
article - In 2 years I shall be able I hope to remit money
to Lowick and Bowden, I shall be sure to write you at

every opportunity - My agents are J Mc Intyre and Co, 175
Calcutta to whose care my letters should be addressed.

Present my kindest love and esteem to all your family
and believe me till death

Your most affectionate friend
J. Coulter

From Jn: Coulter Esq^r

A B Ship Lord Keith off Portsmouth

My dear John

I cannot think of allowing the Pilot to depart
without giving you a farewell Letter however short it may
be. I hope you have ere this received my letter from Deal which was
written in confusion and under peculiar agitation of mind - The
cause of my unhappiness I have already made you fully acquainted
with and really I feel every hours reflection tends to attach me
more and more strongly to the Object of my ambition.

I left England without saying any thing to her, and I cannot
yet bring myself to a determination to address the Doctor on
this important subject in which my happiness or misery is
so deeply concerned - How is it possible for them to part with
dear Mary? I am happy that they have been on board
of Ship. by which I am convinced that their ideas of an India
Voyage is much altered - even Mary herself, told me she would
like a Voyage to India - what a chance was this for me
to have whispered, will you go with me? I think however
that as my present means are not quite adequate to
defray the expence of taking so dear a creature to India,

I probably have acted the wise part by doing as I have done.
I am now of opinion that a letter direct to the Doctor
with my sentiments in regard to his Daughter will be better
than any other plan. Supposing she should design to accept
of me, a new difficulty arises, how is she to be got to India.
I have heard Mrs S often say she never would think of or
allow any one to go out to a young gentleman in India,
if he did not think proper to come home for a wife, she
would not go out. Should I succeed with the old man, think
a letter from our mutual friend the Rev. Mr Henderson
would have great effect. Should I determine on writing
I will enclose a letter to Mary in her Papa's: of course he must
see it. - I fear you are thinking me a very troublesome
fellow, but really my beloved friend you must pardon
my weakness on this occasion. - You shall hear from
me again by the first opportunity and I hope my mind
will then be a little more tranquil. - All I wish for, is, the
old Doctor's sentiments. - It would be an awkward thing
for me to have and lose a good appointment to come
home for a wife three or four years hence. - You must
write to me immediately and direct to me to the care of
D. Macintyre & Co. Calcutta. - Be sure and give me
all news and such plans as you think will facilitate
my obtaining the object of my desire. - Now supposing
they were to write to you about me, what would you say?

Be sure and give me all particulars and how my plans
ought to be arranged. - Hope the Proj is arrived & that
your dear Mother has got the Gown which I sent her.

Call in when you are at Lowick and tell them I am well
and will write as soon as I can find an opportunity.

Adieu my dear John

yours affectionately till death

J. Coultter

Nothing can surpass the happiness of every one on board
of the Lord Keith. - We have some most beautiful young ladies
with us from the Highlands they speak Gaelic. - Be sure
and write immediately. - The wind is right aft.
Adieu, God bless you.

To J. Coultter Esq. care of D. Macintyre & Co. Calcutta

My dear Friend

A few weeks have elapsed since I was fa-
voured with your parting letter bearing the Portsmouth postmark
of May 20, 1810 consequently I expect by the time this reaches India
that you are happily stationed in that land flowing with milk
and honey. - I saw no occasion for writing immediately as you
requested, since you allowed me no time to reply to some of your
queries and observations before your departure which you certainly
ought to have done as your precipitancy in some respects may
have involved you in expense that might have been avoided.
It was wrong to delay making your overtures to Mr Stevenson
till respecting Charles till there was neither time nor place on
this side of Hindostan to conclude the business and you was
inconsiderate rather in making an offer of a premium
before you knew what his expectations were as I have reason
to believe they did not much exceed the half of what you proffered
and I could have given you this information had you allowed
me time, but the die is now cast, for I fancy you are by this
time acquainted with his ultimatum, and he is awaiting your
answer, in the mean time Cha^r is applying to a branch
of study that has been too long neglected, I was importunate
in pressing his father and mother to make an effort to get him

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initiated in the Latin language and at their request the
Rev. W. Walker of Doddington kindly undertook to be his instructor,
on my part I have written a Vocabulary of the names of most
Medicines used in practice, for him to learn previous to his at-
tempting to read the contracted prescriptions and when he can
do this I purpose teaching him to dispence medicines, so as
to be useful to W. as soon as he goes, on which account the
period of his apprenticeship should be the shorter. I will
endeavour to do all I can for Charles, but am apprehensive I shall
have to contend with inattention and carelessness, already I have
met with something of that kind. — Gracious heavens!!!
how uncertain is human life. — how fallacious human hopes.
I have this instant received a note from W. Marshall briefly informing
me that "our respected friend W. Stevenson died last night" (part)
this falls like a thunderbolt upon me for I never knew he
was ill, indeed his illness must have been short, for he was
taking an active part at a General Election little more than
a week ago. — What a valuable existence at an end,
what a loss to his family! what a loss to society! But
now his race is run and he is to be forgotten, such is
the fate of mortals. I can hardly describe how I feel my
breathing is oppressed, — my chest feels too small to contain
my throbbing heart. — you I am sure must be shocked at the
intelligence. — if then the loss of a respected friend excites
emotion, what must the death of those still dearer to us
by the ties of blood and reciprocal affection. — yet these trials
will also come and must be endured in their turn.

While on the awful subject of mortality I may mention
the death of W. Tho. Jackson Serv. Lickar occasioned by intox-
ication and a fall from his horse while in that state on
the 2nd or 3rd of May. — The eldest son George was down soon
after and settled something on his mother (it is said) who with

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the family is going to reside at Lowick. — I know of
no other arrangement. — Mrs Jameson (the Attorneys wife)
came to Lowick a fortnight ago with the intention of dying at
her fathers house, her insane husband (for so he must be) was
during the while on the look out for a future wife, and his choice
fell upon Dorothy Jackson in honour of whom she was writing a
Sonnet or Love while his wife was lying speechless at the
gates of death (this is an absolute fact) I dont know how
Miss J. receives his addresses, they are now at liberty to follow
their inclination for the other wife left her tenement of clay
this morning. — And now let me say something on the subject
nearest to your heart even tho' I do speak in vain, what signifies
your asking my opinion and advice since you regard
neither, and as what I do say is so likely to be thrown away upon
you I shall not scruple to speak very plainly. — and in truth
my good friend I entirely disapprove both of your past and pros-
pective mode of proceeding, and I fear you have lost the amiable
Miss Perry forever through indecision and want of courage, how
can she or her friends believe the sincerity of your protestations
when you left the country without declaring your affection.
You could never have had a better opportunity than the time
when the finer feelings were excited and bursting forth in all
the warmth of undisguised genuine friendship; you ought
to have embraced some auspicious moment to lay open
your heart to Miss S. — and obtain if possible an assurance of
corresponding affection or at least permission to continue
your addresses, or to consult her father, but the father is
not the person I would pay my court to first. — As
you have acted — the lady will feel herself neglected and
will endeavour to suppress the more tender sentiments or
at least modify them to that degree of friendship which
she may bestow on any body else, and being under no pro-
mise nor engagement is at liberty to receive any other suit.

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That tumultuous conflict occasioned by an association of painful reflections which occupied your mind on the eve of your departure for a distant clime, will now have subsided, and laid bare the real state of your heart. - If you still feel the necessity of disclosing your passion to Mrs. - there is no other alternative but to write to her, and I would enclose a letter to her father for her to present if she wishes to continue the correspondence, but I would disdain to solicit or accept the interposition of any disinterested person. - Perhaps modesty may forbid her to deliver your request to her father but it might be conveyed through the medium of her mother. - you might apologize for not breaking off the subject in person by telling with what agony you tore yourself away, that you wished to try the sincerity and extent of your affection and so far from being mitigated by time or absence, it increases in force the longer you conceal it from the person who alone is able to calm your perturbed spirits. - but how preposterous in me to presume to dictate your love letters. - let love speak its own language and plead its own cause. -

I hardly know whether most to pity or disdain that freak of the imagination which makes me an object of your suspicion, should any enquiries be made at me respecting your family and connections, do you think I am so little interested in your happiness as to say any thing to your prejudice, but you need have no fears on that score for Henry's correspondence & mine as at present suspended and not likely to be resumed.

Your Box came safely to hand but without containing so much as the scribe of a pen, had your Coffin arrived in its stead it could it could hardly have occasioned more surprize & disappointment. I trust you will make us amends by writing soon and unsparingly. - I am not at all pleased with Chas's application to his studies and I consider his father and mother more to blame than he, they encourage him in absenting himself from school or that I consider any frivolous pretences, I should not have mentioned this had

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I not seen it repeated in spite of a preceding remonstrance. I think I would be to blame were I to blindfold you and lead you to form expectations which are not likely to be fulfilled. - Chas. needs a spur and he has not that at home, your father cannot be made to see the necessity of this acquisition I am so urgent about, and besides vanity or something worse has prompted him to be displeas'd with your flying blades, Disting. and not giving him the merit of bringing him up to a liberal profession I have said all I can or will say now and you must just take up the matter yourself. - The untimely death of Mr. Anderson will derange your plans but Chas. shall proceed as if it had not happened till we hear from you. - Chas. has been spoiled by being always regarded as a child, a lad in his 17th year is no child. Pat Hudspeeth is several years younger, but he is made to apply tho' against his inclination and he has already distinguished himself at the High School of Edinburgh where he is attending being at present with Robt and under his sole direction. - My Mother receives your very handsome gift for which she begs you will accept her thanks and as far as sincere wishes and prayers for your welfare can benefit you may those of this united family follow and remain with you, and believe that I remain my dear John your attached and faithful friend.

I M Hudspeeth

To the Overseers of Cornhill Parish

Gentlemen)

I beg leave to remind you that in a letter to Mr. Anderson some time ago I recommended sending R. Lewis a Pauper of yours to some public hospital being the least expensive plan you can adopt with him for it will undoubtedly be several months perhaps years before he can be perfectly restored to health.

but more probably he will sink under his Disease (Scarfula)¹⁸² which is constitutional. - Greater part of the large bone of the leg is in a state of Disease and I don't think that even amputation would save his life if his life were worth saving. In intellect he is approaching to Distress and in every respect he is a miserable creature. - I have sent you my best up to the present time and shall expect to hear further from you before I give him any thing more. - I am Gentlemen
Your Obedt. Servt
Mussden, Aug 13, 1810

I Mr Hudspeith Surgeon

From H. Sterry Junr.

Grange Road, July 10, 1810

My dear Hudspeith

I am much obliged to you for your last advisory letter, which would have been more palatable had you seasoned it with some account of your own proceedings as we were all anxious to hear that you are quite unopposed in the practice of the surrounding country and that the restoration to health of those to whom you have been called to attend has augmented your reputation. - Our friend Mr Coultter left Town on the 6th of May but his final departure from England was delayed some days by contrary winds, I suppose he has written you a full account of the manner in which he obtained the appointment which Mr Wm Henderson had of Assistant Surgeon in the Bengal Service. - Mr H. prefers practicing in the fickle climate of England to the saltry regions of Hindostan, and at Mr C's departure he had almost resolved upon entering into Partnership with a Mr Prince of Tunbridge but who has since declined his services alleging that family are

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arrangements prevented his receiving him as a partner: so that William is now in quest of a situation. -

Before Mr Coultter left England we all went with him to Gravesend in one of the Boats and dined on Board the Lord Keith (in which Ship he had taken his passage for India) we were kindly received and hospitably entertained by Mr Fessman the Captain, he was fortunately on Board at the time, we enjoyed our trip very much, the Kentish banks are very pretty, the scenery far Superior to those of Essex. -

We have been one day this summer to visit Mr Nesille at Eber, we spent a very pleasant evening with him and the next morning we went to Boxhill to meet Mr and Mrs Foster where we passed the day, in rambling about the woods on the Hill, we returned home in the evening through Leatherhead, but we did not see any thing of Mr Water or his family though we discovered the situation of his house. - Mr Nesille's connections are increasing very much he expected to obtain an honorary appointment to the Establishment at Oatlands, through the influence of Prince Leopold. He was in expectation too of being introduced to the Dutchesse of Kent upon her arrival at Claremont, and I suppose that ere now the interview has taken place, but he has not yet written us an account of it.

The people in London have been very busy lately with the Elections, they have elected three Opposition fellows for the City and have thrown out Sir Wm Curtis, who I am afraid was too sanguine of success, and therefore did not exert himself sufficiently: the Opposition have gained ground very much about here, I hope the Inhabitants of your part of the world are more loyal and do not send to Parliament such profound Statesmen, and such well educated men as Sir R Wilson, Wood Burdett, Waithman &c. -

With regard to myself I have no particular news to tell you

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as I have not yet advanced and farther in the profession than
bleeding, tooth drawing and making medicines, I constantly go
round the Workhouse with my Father, though I have not yet
ventured to prescribe in any case, except where a dose of
Salts or a Cathartic powder has been a sufficient remedy.

We have a man ill there now of the name of Todd who was
an Inhabitant of Berwick he says he knows Mr Stevenson
but neither of his quondam apprentices. - I am rubbing
up my old Greek again with Mr Harpe who very often enquires
after you. his family was increased by another son in the winter.

My sister desires her best compliments and is much obliged to you for
the collection of plants you were so kind as to send her, and any
others you may pick up in your travels she will be happy
to add to her collection. - My Father, Mother and Sister desire
their best respects and believe me ever to remain,

Your sincere Friend

Henry Perry

To J. Coulter Esq. Surgeon care of D. Macbratney and Co. Calcutta

Bowdoin, Jan. 2, 1819

My dear Friend

You will consider it troublesome in me to intrude upon
you another letter without waiting for a reply to my last written
on July 1818; but your friends from a suspicion that that letter
might possibly not reach you have urged me again to write lest
you should be still unacquainted with the death of Mr Stevenson &
unprepared to recommend any new course to be taken with Chat.

This indeed is my only motive for writing at present. Chat is ad-
vancing rapidly to manhood, if he is not to pursue the Medical
Profession something else must be chosen for him immediately for every

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day spent in unnecessary pursuits now is a serious loss to him
He continues studying Latin with Mr Barker and has made some
progress in acquiring most of the useful names in Materia Medica
he will begin shortly to learn to read and understand prescriptions.
If you wish him still to be apprenticed with some Surgeon or Apothecary
in this part of the country you must transmit your wishes on the
subject giving distinct and determinate directions with every other
requisite which your good judgement may suggest. As Mr Stevenson
unlooked for death has partly defeated your plans dont you think it
would do well to advertise for a situation and of those that offer
make an election according to circumstances. - If you drop the idea of
making a Dr of him you will probably recommend something else
agreeable to your sentiments. - Whatever your resolution may be I
hope you have more sense than to expect that I will take any other
charge of him, than the part of a friend requires, to advise, help, or
instruct, in cases where I can be useful. - Indeed my stay here is so
precarious that I cannot be sure of keeping an engagement with
any one. You cannot be surprized that I should be heartily
tired of a place where ones reputation lies so much at the mercy
of the most mischievous of the human race, - the retailers of
scandal; an infamous story is invented by an incendiary, is
told, spreads with the rapidity of lightning, is eagerly heard, be-
lieved and repeated, ramifies far and wide before it reaches
the ears of its victims, and the bare attempt to check the rumour
or refute the calumny would be the strongest confirmation
it could receive. - Were there a proportion of respectable people
hereabouts with whom such things would have no influence they
would tend to check the propagation of lies, and render them harmless
in their effects; but such is not the case, and were I to change
my situation for one more agreeable I think you cannot blame
me. - Of domestic news I have but little to tell you, but I hope
that little will be interesting. Matrimony is quite in vogue with

us at present and like many ¹⁸⁶ other specific Diseases, upon entering a District attacks all who have not had it before and even some a 2^d time. I had the pleasure of attending the nuptials of your brother Henry a few weeks ago, who led to the altar Miss Mary Jackson they shortly after went off together to Leeds where they are to reside, I expect soon to see another alliance in the family more strongly cemented, and if rumour says true this unrelenting Mamma is threatening to make still greater savages among the remaining young ladies. Our Rev^d Israelite it is said has taken it into his head to have a wife, one that is to be both young and beautiful. That young lady whom you may recollect to have seen at our house with her sister Mrs Fumblill captivated the Rev^d Whitehouse of Spittal and made a married man of him. As medical men are liable to catch the Diseases of their patients it is not at all improbable but I may throw off the Watcher's cloak and fill the world with woe in a very short time. I must not omit to tell you that your friend Mr. K. Mill of Thames Street is on the point of marriage with Miss Fanny Wilson of Norwich - a promising match enough. Poor Mrs Stevenson has removed from her house in Bridgestreet to Bartlegate, she had another Daughter after her husband's death, but she is quite as well as can be expected. W. is gone to London to push his fortune the best way he can, he wrote to me some time ago to ask what I thought of his taking a voyage to Greenland, situated as he is I thought it advisable enough. - but you will hear from himself, as he requests to be favoured with your address.

Your fellow lodger the Rev^d W. Hayter, who has been so long engaged unrolling the Papyrus Manuscripts, died lately at Paris of an Apoplectic Fit. - I very seldom hear from Alcot Place now Henry wrote to me upon the receipt of your letter by the General Harris but I have not heard from him since. - I have been disappointed in not receiving a letter from yourself from the Cape of Good Hope, you promise indeed to write as soon as you

reach India but I have very little faith to put in your promises, I have not forgot the long promised letter of 20 pages yet, depend upon it if you don't write I will try to tire you out of your indulgence by pestering you with letters forever. - We have had a wonderful season here, the weather at Christmas has been almost as mild as you can have it in India. - Our family here is reduced to a very small number now, those who remain desire to be remembered to you & I subscribe myself, as I hope I ever shall

your very sincere friend
I. N. Hudspeth

To Mr H. Sterry Junr. Grange Road, Bermondsey, London

Bowdoin, Jan'y 9. 1819

My Dear Henry

You have again been so long in my debt that I cannot omit the usual compliments of approach with which most of our epistles are begun. - In this respect we somewhat imitate the punctilious politeness of the Chinese, whose civility prompts them to see their visitor to his Carriage, the stranger insists upon attending his friend back to the House, he again is escorted to the vehicle and the other reaccompanied to the House, till their reciprocal compliments are quite exhausted, and they then take leave half way between the house and carriage. So we continually complain of each others protracted silence without at all seeming disposed to do otherwise, and probably the periods will become more and more distant till our correspondence is dropt altogether. I assure you however aversa I may be to letter writing myself, I am always anxious to hear from my friends & often I long for the little paper Courier, the happy messenger which goes to and fro in all directions and at all distances to bring me intelligence of those whom I never cease to think of with the feelings & tenderness

which pleasing recollections and sincere regard have inspired, and to convey tidings of me to those who take an interest in my doings. But often when in full expectation of an intellectual treat from some respected friend, I meet with disappointment. Perhaps your avocations afford you the useful pretext want of time to write. You are still a tyro in your profession and must engage deeply in the pursuit of knowledge that qualifies for doing the little good we can to our fellow creatures in our responsible capacity of guardian of their health and lives. Under the able tuition of your father assisted by your attendance at the hospitals you will have already have become a very sapient son of Esculapius and competent to preserve yourself and others from the ills incident to human nature, but yet the God of War the potent Mars himself was once sent away from the battle roaring with so hideous a yell that he frightened the troops he had undertaken to protect. I should hope you will not be easily daunted but this fable demonstrates that there are Diseases and infirmities beyond the power of the God of Medicine as well as strength and force above the power of Mars. I hope you received my last letter before you wrote to India; you will perceive I have enclosed a letter for Mr Coulter which I would thank you to forward in the proper way, for I have no confidence in its going safe by putting it into our Post Office here. I dispatched a letter in that way a few months ago and from a suspicion that it would not reach him I have been induced to write again. Before Mr C. went away he had made an arrangement with our late master Mr S. who was to take his youngest brother as an Apprentice; Mr S's death frustrated this plan and as the lad is advancing both in age and stature his parents wish to know as soon as possible what he would recommend them to do. Mr Coulter has had 15 children, 8 of whom are living and all respectably provided for except this youngest whom (thru our friend) wishes to have educated for his own profession & under his own direction and care. If he succeeds in India according to my expect-

tations he will be able to promote his younger brother's interest and direct his pursuits better in his own profession than any other and therefore I wish him to have entirely his own way with him.

You will probably wish to know how my own matters stand; they only passably well, my practice has afforded me a competency so far, but I find after two years trial that I shall never get into easy circumstances; indeed I am heartily tired of my present life and must make some change for better or worse.

I wonder what your worthy father would say were I to hint an intention of transmigrating to the Western world, or retiring beyond the pale of civilized society, to some solitary spot amongst our ignominious Antipodes, such ideas do sometimes dart across my mind but they are merely transitory.

The weather is so unlike the season, and the Christmas & New year is so little observed in this wilderness that I had almost forgot to wish you the Compliments of the season; though I can very well dispense myself with the delights of a feast, the splendour and gaieties of Balls or the excitements of cards, I wish you all nevertheless the enjoyment of these pleasures, tho' absolutely necessary to our happiness they are yet pleasures and the pleasures of the day. Remember me most respectfully to your father, mother and sister. Believe me

My Dear Henry, - your sincere & affectionate friend
I. H. Hudspeth

(Received an answer to the above, dated March 17th not worth inserting)

To Miss Hudspeth, at Sir Niel Menzies' Barr, Castle Menzies by Aberdeen

Bowdon April 18, 1819

My dear sister Elizabeth,

You have returned no answer to my last letter but Robert transmitted to us yesterday a letter from Miss D. Wallace.

to you by which it appears ¹⁹⁰ you have done as I advised and Robert intimates that it is now your firm determination to send Catharine to New Green. Miss J. Henderson while in London with her mother, paid a visit to Miss Wallace at New, and from what she saw thought their establishment by no means respectable, but allowances might be made for that, it was the commencement of a vacation, the young ladies had newly left the house and it appeared in disorder, besides the appearance of the Sen^r Miss Wallace labouring under a disease which soon carried her to the grave, was not calculated to inspire any favourable impression. - Upon the whole the Hendersons appear to have rather a contemptible opinion of the Wallaces. - Hannah I fancy is really a fool, Dorothy may be wise enough, but there is a kind of affectation or imitation of better manners in her deportment which is no recommendation to the Mistress of a Boarding School, indeed I think her a very mean queer looking little body. - But in my opinion the manner and personal appearance of the mistress is of little consequence providing the pupils are respectable and well bred, - it is from them Catharine is to derive most advantage, having seen little of genteel company and never been in the habit of thinking and expressing her thoughts, from them she will imbibe ideas, and it is only at a seminary where all are on one footing that a raw country girl can acquire the confidence to converse and express her opinions with freedom. As the youth in England possess more lively imaginations, more general information and are more easy and confident in their manners than the Scotch, I consider a seminary in the South to be preferred, and if Catharine should want a situation afterwards in Scotland, she can say she has been both in Edinburgh and London, it will never be enquired whether it cost 30 or 100 £ per Annum.

When Dorothy was last here, she was saying her brother and herself intended should circumstances admit, to place their nephews Marchant Trayer with my Father, - if they would now consent that proposal it would help to defray the expence of Catharine's education & Board at New. I will write to the Rev. Broadbent on the subject.

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We had a call lately from Capt. Jacob Lowrey who inquired kindly after you and repeated his promise to make you a present of a shawl, his wife is at Warmoor at present and we are every day expecting a visit. She returns to London in the end of June or beginning of July and Miss Mary Lowrey accompanies her, so that if Catharine's journey can be delayed till then they will see her taken care of during her voyage and on her arrival in London.

My dear sister. - If you can keep a secret, I will entrust you with a very big one. - What will you think when I inform you I am going to be married! - a very natural query will be to whom? - What will you say when I mention the name of an old friend and schoolfellow? I am so certain you will not disapprove of my choice that I shant keep your curiosity on the rack. - your future sister in law (if it please God) is Mary Lowrey! - I think her amiable, sensible, active, frugal and industrious, her family is respectable, moral, and enterprising. I am certain I could not have selected one better qualified to discharge the important duties of a wife, nor allied myself with a family more upon a par with our own. - As there is no suitable house to be had here without the expence of building, and not wishing me to leave this neighbourhood, voluntarily offered to let me have this house and farm upon paying a reasonable rent, but as a suitable up-fitting cannot be immediately found for them our union must in consequence be for a considerable time delayed, and in the mean time I must scrape up all the cash together I can for the offset. - My last letter to you was somewhat gloomy, but I hope the clouds are now dispersed and hereafter I shall enjoy nothing but sunshine and happiness. - It is my earnest wish you should attend my nuptials, therefore I would have you not to think of paying us a visit till then. - If Miss Miss L. goes to London with her sister, it will be postponed till after her return. - You have to thank me for my good intentions towards you in forming this alliance. - Mr. Lowrey is in very

flourishing circumstances and still a bachelor... who knows what time may bring about? - take my advice dont be in a hurry to take any preaching or schoolmaster body that offers, rather wait and see what becomes of the wealthy ladies. Miss A. Belle of Woodside is expected shortly to marry a Mr. McDonald surgeon in Colchester, - the young ladies who have so long hung in the wind here will get off this time.

I suppose Catharine will be home in a week or two, perhaps Robt may accompany her.

I remain, my dear Eliza
Your affectionate brother
J. McHudspeeth

From the Rev. E. B. Wallace to J. McHudspeeth
Manse of Barra, Sept. 29, 1819

My dear Friend

No doubt the momentous event which has taken place in the circumstances of your life is most deserving of notice, and no doubt an adreps of congratulation would have reached you some time ago had the knowledge of the event reached this distant land. Now I heartily wish you all happiness and long life and great health to enjoy the felicities of the connubial state. I suspected from the smile and the simper that sit so sweetly on your last Epistle that there was something in the wind. I saw the wish to speak & the fear to speak, and your letter is a pretty exceedingly good portrait of a man in the trammels of love, but yet I durst not trust to conjecture or say any thing positively. Now I have heard the happy news, first by a letter lately received from Dorothy at New Green and immediately after by my

Father who has cheered me almost as much as the delightful aspect of a beautiful female could have done by his arrival at my lonely habitation. I was sorry to understand that my old Master & Mistress had been complaining so much, but I hope they will yet enjoy much of the precious blessing of good health. It gives me much pleasure and recalls many associations of tenderness and love to hear of my first and oldest acquaintances and friends whilst I am acquiring so many new ones. Different pursuits and avocations may lessen the number of subjects of common interest, and when time is much engaged in them and the thoughts deeply set upon them there may be the appearance of forgetting, - and I can allow the appearance in another, and yet judging another by myself as we naturally do. I can also suppose that his thoughts and feelings when directed anew to the old tale of boyish sports & school companions & early friends, & seats & tables, books & stones, woods & streams, with which he was so familiar and which still preserve their impress upon his mind, just take a new and higher bound like the foam of the wave which springs the more aloft that it has met with the opposing force of an unsurmountable cliff. So opposing circumstances may stem the natural current of ideas & duty & necessity may compel a subinspion, but when the happy moment comes that they can wander back in their early course, nature recurs, and to think & speak and write of times by gone is just the voice of nature, what I myself do, of earthly things the most delight in. I should like therefore making an exception from a general rule against tittle tattle, just now and then to hear a little of the clatter of the eastern shoes, and whenever you wish to confer a kindness upon me, let me have just a little of the home news or the neighbour squabbles or any thing that bears the stamp of life.

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Dorothy in her letter speaks highly of Catharine's affections
and has great enjoyment in her company. - Hannah arrived
at New on the Saturday, after an uncommonly rapid voyage

I hope you have had good accounts of Eliza & Robt. Robt.
would think me very negligent one day that I papered just
speaking to him in great haste & with seeming dryness.
But I was running after Lord Alloway who was to write
a letter on which I did not know but my presentation to
the Church of St. Mary depended & we were to consult together.

Remember me to all the family & all other friends
and I remain - My Dear John

Yours very affectionately

Edw. & M. Wallace

From Mr. H. Perry Junr. to S. M. H.

Grange Road, October 15th 1819

Though compliments my dear Hudsopeth upon
the marriage of a friend either by viva voce or by letter
are matters of course, yet I trust you have known me
sufficiently long to give me credit for proposing considerable
interest in your welfare, allow me therefore sincerely
to congratulate you upon that which I fervently hope will
prove the happiest event of your life and in these congratula-
tions all your friends in West Place desire to be united.

Gentlemen after their marriage generally accompany
their Bride to some favorite watering Place or rural
retreat, but I hope you will invert this custom and
take a journey to London with your lady. We all feel

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desirous of being introduced to Mr. Hudsopeth and anticipate the
pleasure of seeing her in Monday at no very distant point
and I need scarcely add that it will afford us great delight to see
you here again. - I can now account for your long protracted
silence, I dare not upbraid you with it as you have been so
much better engaged, but I beg to remind you that you are still
a letter in my debt. - We have not heard of you from Coulters
since June last - when my Father Mother, Sister and Self each
recd. a letter from him. - he merely expresses in them his ever
true satisfaction with the station assigned him & that he had en-
joyed an uninterrupted state of health ever since he left England.
In his letter to me he says, "I have not heard from my good
friend Hudsopeth, what can be the reason? Be sure and remember
me to him when you write. I hope he has got my Epistle."

Mr. C. intends writing again as soon as he is settled in his
new station which is at Wendover about two days post from
the Presidency. His letters were dated Dec 31st 1818, and as we have
not received any further accounts of him I begin to be afraid
but something serious, has happened, because knowing how
much disappointment we all felt at not hearing from
Mr. Henderson, I think he certainly would have written, I
am at a loss how to account for it. Surely all our letters
cannot have miscarried "Nil desperandum" I hope I shall
have soon occasion to say "long expected come at last" Perhaps
Coulters silence must be attributed to the same cause
as yours has lately proceeded from.

We have this Summer had a petite excursion along the
Kentish coast. Mama, Sister & I started on the morning of 31st of
Aug. with Mr. M^{rs} Foster. Dined at Rochester & after
visiting the Cathedral, Castle &c we set off for Canterbury
which place we reached about 9 o'clock the next morning
& surveyed the curiosities before breakfast, we afterwards

started for the Isle of Thanet ¹⁹⁶ and arrived at Margate between 12 and 1, which is a nasty dirty place, we were so disgusted with the narrow streets that we were glad to leave for Ramsgate after partaking of some Sandwiches at the Hotel. - I think Bermondey Street Superior to any of these towns - The pier and harbour at Ramsgate are very fine and there are some handsome houses opposite to them. We then proceeded to Sandwich & Deal & thence to Dover where we arrived about 8, after taking tea we walked along the sea shore, the quay, and principal Street. The next morning we amused ourselves with walking along the Beach and Pier and afterwards went to the Castle, we saw the French Coast very distinctly from the Heights it tempted me very much to cross the channel, we afterwards walked towards Shakespeare's cliff, but none of the party had curiosity enough to ascend it. We left Dover at Six on Friday Morning & passed thro' Folkestone & Sandgate (a very pretty romantic place, situated completely upon the sea shore) where we breakfasted - the Country from Hythe is very rich and beautiful till you reach Fortes Cray. - We arrived at Bermondey about Seven in the evening after a delightful excursion, the only alloy to our perfect enjoyment of it was, that Papa could not accompany us, he was detained at home by some ladies.

The Lectures at the Hospital have commenced, I only attend Cholmeley on Materia Medica & Therapeutics at present, I long to begin Anatomy which I shall do as soon as I am thoroughly grounded in Materia Medica. - What do the people in your part of the world think of the proceedings at Manchester, do they support the Magistrates or are they the abettors of treason and infamy? The majority of the people in this part are decidedly against Government and the Manchester Magistrates. Oh Tempora! Oh Mores!

My Father wishes to have a share in this letter, you must therefore allow me to conclude with again urging you to write to me as soon as the usual routine of calls and parties has subsided and believe me ever to remain
your sincerely attached Friend
Henry Perry Junr.

From Mr Perry Junr.

Grange Road, Oct. 15. 1819

My Dear Friend

The arrival of your Newspaper in Bermondey on Tuesday last afforded much gratification to your Friends as conveying intelligence respecting your own situation, which they sincerely hope will conduce to your own comfort and on an occasion of such extreme importance I cannot forego the pleasure of desiring you to accept our warmest and most sincere congratulations, being well convinced that actuated by the best motives, this change has not taken place without due consideration, & that your usual prudence has led you to form such a connection as is most likely to insure those domestic comforts more especially requisite in the Medical profession: and it encourages us to hope that some of the disasters naturally attendant upon first entering into life, have been so far dissipated that there remains every reasonable prospect of success: I feel certain that if strict attention & correct conduct will avail, you are one, who will & ought to be rewarded for your trouble. I most sincerely hope it may please God to give you health to continue as you have begun and there will be no reason to fear the result. I well know your worth and there is no one more sincerely anxious for your future

welfare than he who profited by your industry in the early part of your professional career. Henry has with the best motives I believe, ventured to tempt you to undertake a journey to Town and I would willingly hope no one would be more heartily gratified than himself if such plan was at all practicable & which would give equal satisfaction to the whole family. I dare not indulge for a moment the expectation of such an excursion ever after under the present circumstances when most people are allowed some recreation.

Of our much respected Friend Coulter we have had no further information since that last communicated to you by Henry except in conversation with Mr Renny the Purser of the Lord Keith, who left him under the best possible expectations, and seems convinced of his complete success; at that time we received every assurance of his continued regard and we only regret that many letters must have miscarried, wherein particular statements respecting his future prospects would have been received; I know your attachment to him and feel much for the disappointments you have experienced at not hearing from him, be assured it arises from circumstances that he cannot controul, he possesses too much sincerity to disregard old Friends, and you are so high in his estimation that nothing but the casualties incident to such a situation have prevented your hearing from him. Your young Friend Henry is much attached to the Shop & compounds very well; he is not so fond of reading as would be wished. he attends only Materia Medica at present and I hope he is much improved in many respects. - We are all well and join in respects to you with every good wish for your well doing and believe me to remain,
Your much respected Friend
S. H. Perry

From M^r Coulter Esq. Surgeon. East Indies

Burdwan Jan 1st 1820

My dear John

I have set apart this day for the pleasure of having an Epistolary chat with you. I had the pleasure of addressing you some months ago, at that time I apprized you of my intention of troubling you with the accompanying letter to my dear parents. I am well aware how happy you will be to receive this small mark of my affection and attention to them.

Your very kind and welcome letter one dated 4th July 18 and the other 3rd Aug - I have come duly to hand, if you have written more I can only say it is more than I deserve from you my dear and worthy friend, I find I have by far too extensive a correspondence for any one in this country which is one party reason why you have not had more than one letter from me, however I mean to abridge this large circle of correspondents so that I may have more time to communicate with those to whom I am more warmly attached. - As you my dear John stand first on that list, I ought to make many apologies for my apparent tardiness and neglect in writing but forthwith you may rely on a regular supply of my correspondence. I know you will be rejoiced to hear that I am getting on so well, - no man can be more comfortable than I am, & thanks to Almighty God! I have enjoyed uninterupted good health. By the enclosed letter you will see the sum, which I for the present intend allowing my dear parents annually, this together with what my father is allowed from Government will tend to make them pretty independent, this

my dear Friend has been my object ever since I set out in life and now that I have accomplished it I really feel myself as it were at rest. You have a thorough knowledge of the struggles I have had to encounter and what a glorious victory for me, to think I have now surmounted every obstacle.

Should the same I have granted my dear Parents not be enough to support them in a respectable way I shall make it 80 or 100 Pounds per Annum. at present however I must be moderate, as it is necessary for me to commence laying the foundations of a Nest of Rupees from which I shall receive from 12 to 15 per cent of Annum. It is in this way that we Indians make our fortunes. My expenses during the last year have necessarily been very great. having purchased a House & Grounds, together with Furniture, Horses & Buggy and all the necessary requisites for Housekeeping. I have now had 12 months trial of this situation and am much delighted with it. Our society is of the very first description and Burdwan is considered one of the finest stations in Bengal, it is called the Garden of Bengal - vide Hamiltons India Gazetteer where you will find a very correct description of Burdwan of which Station I am civil Surgeon & Surgeon to the provincial Battalion. My receipts for the last year I know exactly to a rupee, were 1012 £ Sterling. The Capt. commanding the Battalion and myself are the only Watchelors at the Station so that we are out four or five times every week, for my part I seldom dine at home, the Doctor usually being in great request I give a party once every month or two weeks at which the Ladies never fail to attend. My servants and Horses are my greatest expence. The pay of the former and keep of the latter amount to about £20 per month; I am obliged to keep 3 Horses as I have a good deal of driving about the Station. One of these Hays cost me 2000 an Arab

beauty and truly useful Horses at this place cost sometimes £400 The collector of Revenue the Hon^{ble} Mr Elliott keeps a pack of Hounds which for 6 months in the year affords us delightful recreations.

Mr Pakenham a brother of the Dutchess of Wellington forms one of our society, he has got a collectorship at another Station which will give him about £3500 per Annum. There is a necessity you very well know for keeping up a degree of pageantry in this country, and I am obliged to conform to Asiatic customs, which nevertheless have their advantages.

I must now my dear friend beg of you to accept my best thanks for the very kind attention you have paid my poor brother Charles, what should I have done without you? how happy it makes me to know that I have such an honorable friend as you are to me. The death of poor Mr Stevenson (alas! alas! how precarious is human existence!) has depressed me extremely, what a loss to his family and to society! I shall not dwell on this melancholy topic.

I am puzzled rather what to do with Charles, If you still object to teach him the rudiments of the Profession, I think the best plan would be to send him to Edinburgh where he can attend the Infirmary and the Classes, at the same time he could attend the Dispensary, but before this he ought to have some knowledge of the Profession and really my dear John I know of no one in whom I can repose greater confidence than yourself, I should intrust my brother to you in preference to any one I know. I dont like the idea of his going to loiter away his time with a person who scarce probably care nothing about him.

He must have his Diploma at any rate and I think he might study in Edinburgh at much less expence than in London being nearer home they might send him supplies from time to time. - What must learn to plod his way as well as I have done before him, I know what may be done with small means and good management, economy must be adhered to in

every sense of the word. ²⁰² he is not to suppose that I will support him in any thing bordering on extravagance.

I shall further trouble you to read the enclosed letters so that you may properly understand them, put a wafer into them and when at leisure take a ride up to Lowick to deliver them to my dear parents and kindly afford them your advice.

Whatever my father may have occasion to write to the Agents in London, pray my dear friend see that it be conveyed he will always according to my wish shew it you. - The letters of credit are in Triplicates lest any should miscarry, only one requires to be sent to London. My Father must sign the letter which I have marked so that the Agents may know his signature to the Bill, the following is the form.

£50 - - -
At Ten days sight, please pay to or order
the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling being the amount of the
credit in my favor from J^r Coultter, J^r Letter of Mess^{rs}
McIntyre & Co of Calcutta dated the 10th of December 1849
To Mess^{rs} D & P MacLachlan }
Cornhill London } J^r Coultter Secy - "

Now my dear John I hope you comprehend what I mean and as my father has no idea how to transact business I beg you to put him on the plan. My brother Jackson will be able to assist but as I have had no letter from him I decline giving him any trouble at present. I cannot divine the reason why he has not written to me, perhaps some ill fate has attended his letter.

I think you may fairly command the White Swan to be taken down and try to smother a bottle of Port on the strength of it. I must now advert to another subject of which I am determined not to lose sight. A Lady of the most amiable disposition & a particular friend of mine, the wife of my Agent & kind friend D. McIntyre Esq^r is about to embark for Europe she has kindly

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taken charge of some little presents to the good people in ^{at} St. Peter she will also deliver my sweetures to the object of heart Miss Terry I have had two long letters from her father one of 16 and the other of 20 pages, full of the most tender kindness - I have had one from Henry and one from thea dear self 8 pages of beautiful and affectionate compositions. She expresses herself to me in the most friendly and affectionate terms. I trust in God I will succeed in getting her out here, I know I can render her truly happy, the Station is just calculated to suit her - I am pretty certain that my proposals to Miss I will not lessen me in the old Gentlemans estimation. I consider it fortunate that Macintyre is going home, I can refer them to him being my Agent & friend, he can satisfy them with respect to my means, and will advance any sum, should the dear girl be permitted to quit her parents. I shall write to Henry and enclose a letter to her father. ^{Mr} McIntyre is just the lady to suit them and tell them all about me. He knows my attachment to Miss I. - I have not seen the Rev^d Henderson, he is at Penang. I have become particularly intimate with his brother Benjamin who is really a charming fellow, he is going home, via Egypt. he has declared himself warmly attached to me and I assure you our friendship is mutual. I made no hesitation in telling him of my attachment to Miss I. - he thinks I'll succeed and will do every thing in his power to promote it he goes home with £500 in his pocket.

I shall now draw to a conclusion by requesting you to present my kind regards & affection to your worthy Parents & all the Members of your family. - Pray my dear friend write me immediately & believe me ever your sincerely attached friend
J^r Coultter

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To Miss Robinson, Grange Moor near Morpeth.

My Dear Madam,

In compliance with your kind request I have to inform you of the occurrence of a certain event which has made us all very happy and though the little stranger is of the wrong sort, we are quite as fond as if her brother had had the precedence. You would be amused to see how delighted Mary is with her little girl, if she sleeps, if she wakes, if she cries it as a matter of consequence to tell all about it to the no less foolish Papa.

Mary had rather a severe time but is doing extremely well. Mr Lowrey is with us taking care of her & Mr S. has just been here to see his little grand daughter. Indeed she seems to be a great favorite with the old folks on both sides of the house. My Mother (a warm friend of yours) has lately had the misfortune of being attacked by a vicious bear which hurt her very much and broke one of her arms, but she is recovering so far as to be able to walk out.

We have got our cottage made very snug and commodious and I hope some time to have the pleasure of seeing you in it.

I take the liberty of sending you a little book as a keepsake for our little Elizabeth. Mary joins me in kind regards to yourself and family and believe me

Dear Madam

Yours sincerely

J^r McHudspeth.



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From W. H. Perry Jun^r

Grange Road, March 17th 1825

My dear Hudspeth,

I am really afraid to address you lest you should have forgotten there ever was such a person as myself in existence, for on referring to your last letter, I find it bears the date of September last. I must throw myself entirely on your generosity trusting you will make me allowance for a young Hospital student, beginning the use of the Dissecting knife. I am attending the Anatomical Lectures and those on the practice of Medicine, leaving the Surgical and Physiological Lectures till next winter, and the following winter my Father intends I should deep under Mr Green who is now junior Surgeon of St Tho's Hospital. Mr Green is getting into very good practice in the City and is glad to embrace every opportunity of operating. He also gives the Lectures on Anatomy at St Thomas's.

I hope your practice is still increasing and that you unlike the generality of Farmers are making money by your land as well as by your shop.

We have not heard from Mr Coulter since I last wrote to you. Mr Henderson has lately arrived in England from Calcutta. Mr C. was well in health and in spirits when Mr Henderson was left Bengal, - he was then (he said) upon the point of writing which is nearly twelve months since, and no letters have been received. I shall therefore not write to him any more, as I have written four or five letters to him without receiving any answer.

We Londoners after having been for the last five or six months mad in regard to the Luccini business have now become

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more quiet; the majority of the sober minded people being at last convinced she is no better than she ought to be. There have been some excellent caricatures of her majesty - in one she is between Bergami and Alderman Wood, singing "How happy could I be with either, were't they dear charmers away" whilst the Alderman is pointing to a noted Bawdy House kept by Mother Wood. & the King & the short of the story, Bergami is an immense tall fellow and the Queen very small. The best I have seen is a portrait of her Majesty riding upon a black ram - singing "Here I am upon a black ram, like a w - as I am" whilst, Wood, Hume, Creevey and others are carrying boards with the different scenes painted upon them as the Tent scene, the Bath &c. - Our House and two or three more were the only houses in the road that were not illuminated in honour of the Queen's escape alias acquittal. - Your neighbours are I believe mostly Radicals. you must not therefore show this letter to them lest they tell Mr. Brougham of me & I shall have a criminal Information filed against me, as her Majesty likes the liberty of the Press only when it speaks in her praise.

There are reports that the King is going this summer to Ireland. I hope they may prove true & that he may be induced to visit Scotland also - for I think it right that the Sovereign should visit all his dominions. - I wish he would give you a assurance that might bring you to London with him.

I forgot to tell you that we are in expectation of very shortly seeing the Red^d Mr. Henderson in England. - His brother William has got another appointment to go to Prince of Wales Island, but I think it is a chance whether he goes or not as he is still on the sick list. - He has now an idea that he has an Anconism which prevents his exerting himself except in the pursuit of pleasure.

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In concluding let me again beg you will attribute any long silence to the right cause, and not to any the least diminution of my esteem and friendship. -

My Father, Mother & Sister write in remembrances to yourself and Compliments to Mr. H. and your young Family with -

Yours very sincerely
Henry Perry Jun^r

Mr. Hart frequently asks concerning you, he is a member of the College of Surgeons & of the Apothecaries Company, in about three months he intends settling at Dorking, till which time he will be at the Westminster Lying in Hospital, Westminister Road

To S. H. Perry Esq^r Grange Road Bessmondsey
Bovendon, Sept. 14, 1821

My Dear Sir

I feel it impossible sufficiently to express the gratitude I feel for your very kind attention in so promptly returning an answer to the application I lately made to my friend Perry to assist me in the design of emigrating to a distant clime; and it is no small consolation I assure you Sir, to find one friend in the world willing to assist me against a host of uncles. - I very well foresaw that you would endeavour to persuade me to persevere a while longer and be content with a competence in this country rather than attempt to acquire property in a foreign country land. - I have given you advice the most mature deliberation, yet after considering every thing I still feel disposed to resort to my original scheme. - However

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I shall state to you as well as the limits of my paper will permit, the peculiarity of my situation which will be enabled you to judge of the policy of such an undertaking. Hitherto my income has been about 200*l*. per annum, one half of which would go for purchase and keep of Horses, Drags, Gafes &c &c leaving 100*l*. for the support of my household establishments, a sum that may appear small to you, yet in this part of the country with my plain uniform way of living it might do very well and I would have been perfectly content on that score had it continued at the same ratio, but in consequence of the calumnious reports alluded to in my letter to Henry, I am scarcely called to a patient except in cases of accident and midwifery, and although my midwifery practice is tolerable in point of numbers, yet as a sole dependence it would be very insufficient. I attend upwards of 100 women in the year, but they are mostly poor people from whom I can get no more than half a Guinea and sometimes not that. My other charges are equally moderate and considering the distance I have to ride by night and by day in all weathers, I am sure you will think with me that I might be allowed to enjoy my hard earned bread in peace. On the contrary I must bear to be found fault with, dictated to, and insulted with the most abject submission. It is these things, I feel most insupportable. The fluctuations in business time and patience may overcome but the ill treatment I have received can never be obliterated from my mind. There exists a deep rooted prejudice against my family particularly against myself at present, and it has all along been my misfortune to find those from whom I might have expected support, my open and avowed enemies. Of this class are my own connexions, schoolfellows, former associates and equals. With such formidable opposition and the malevolent

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shanders that are every now and then broached in order to injure my reputation, how is it possible I can enjoy any satisfaction in such a neighbourhood? — You will very naturally conclude that there has been some very flagrant misconduct on my part to occasion these things. My limits will not admit of entering into details, but an opportunity may perchance occur when I shall explain matters both to your amusement and astonishment. In the mean time I assure you, if I had my career to begin anew, so conscious am I of my own rectitude, that I don't know an instance where I would act otherwise than I have already done.

I hope you are convinced by the above statement that it is neither ambition nor a thirst for gain that is prompting me to leave my native land, even if I could summon up resolution to leave every thing and wait awhile longer, there is so much competition that I see little chance of things mending. I called on a medical neighbour the other day to propose his taking my house with a view of extending his practice, but I found he was as much disgusted with the country as myself, & determined to leave it forthwith. There is a Doctor in almost every hamlet or round one and in one village where till lately there was never more than one, there are now five medical men. — how can it be otherwise? There are as many embarking in the profession every year as there were during the war, and unless they go abroad the Doctors will become as numerous as the Patients.

Van Dieman's Land to which I wish to go is said to be one of the finest countries in the world, a complete Garden of Eden and the colonists in general people of property. — During the present summer two ships have sailed from Leith with Passengers for that country — most of them wealthy merchants who found their capital decreasing in this country and went thither to mend their fortunes. — I have no sanguine expectations, I hope to do

well, but if I don't require riches, I am certain of obtaining all the necessities of life by a little industry, and expect to receive that respect which one man looks for from another in civilized society. - At all events I make no great sacrifice by going, - if things should not come up to my wishes I can return. There is a small patrimonial property which will eventually be mine, with that in prospect I have no fear of being reduced to indigence, yet in the mean time I must not lead a life of unprofitable idleness. - I consider it a most absurd thing to become so attached to sticks and stones as to undergo every sort of privation and indignity rather than forsake them, and tho' I have just completed a little paradise where I hoped to spend the remainder of my days, I can leave it without a pang.

Society and friends that usually endear one to particular spots are the instruments of expelling me from my home, and my wife is becoming even more anxious than myself to get away, so irksome are things become, every day brings fresh mortifications. - even since I sat down to write this letter I have learnt that a lady whom I have always attended has called in rather for no other reason than because Mr. Headspeth don't call on her so frequently as she would wish. - But it is impossible to enumerate the various whimsies we have to contend against. I suspect you are sufficiently tired of the subject and therefore shall offer no apology for dropping it as I trust you can believe things are as I represent them without any further explanation.

To that worthy philanthropist Mr. Foster and also to the Rev. Mr. Sharpe my thanks are due for their generous offers of assistance. My earnest wish is to get out to Barbadoes or New Granada's Land or Surinam to the first convicts or colonists that may be sent out and to obtain a grant of land in such a situation as may suit my professional interests and the views of Government. - Being confident that it is in the power of those kind friends

who take an interest in my affairs (out of pure disinterested goodness) to this much for me. I shall defer making applications through any other channel. - and if it is not asking too much I beg it be done as soon as possible - not only to give me time to make necessary arrangements, but more especially on account of a domestic circumstance. For if we are not out of England within 5 months, it will be impracticable to take my wife along with me. - this will explain to Mr. Perry why we would leave our dear little girl behind. - yet if the prospect before us seems propitious, we will not impose too much violence on our feelings. - I am afraid I shall dispose of my effects to great disadvantage, yet I had better do that than run in debt and leave the country in disgrace. - Thank God, I am as free as the bird in the air in that respect.

With my very best respects to Mr. and Mrs. Perry and to Mr. Henry, and with a heart full of gratitude & devoted attachment to yourself and family I remain.

My dear Sir

Your much obliged humble servant
 Dr. Mc Headspeth

From Mr. Perry Esq^r

Grange Road April 7, 1821

Dear Headspeth

I have not time for more than offering my sincere desires to assist the undertaking which from a perusal of your last very communicative address appears absolutely necessary. - I got no time in consulting my worthy friend Foster on the subject who ever ready to perform an act of kindness went immediately to his friends in the

Colonial Department and has written me on the subject, which I hope to explain so as to have your opinion early in reply and as his communication is now before me in manuscript I cannot do better than transcribe the information

" I have seen Mr Buchanan who has a Ship which will sail tomorrow, and another called the Denmark Hill about the 31st Oct. the expense of a passage in the cabin is 88 guineas for an individual and 150 for a Man and his Wife, but if there should be passengers enough to require a Surgeon of which there is little doubt, provided Mr Hudspeth has a Diploma from London, Edinburgh, or Dublin (not Glasgow) Mr Buchanan will allow him £5 per Month as Surgeon and perhaps make some further small deduction from the £157.10. - the Ship being a private one, this can be done, but not legally unless he has such a regular Diploma as a Surgeon. - All this of course only applies to his going out as a Doctor, - it therefore now only remains for him to determine whether he wishes me to apply for an appointment in the colony as Surgeon the pay of which is 7/6 per diem & in that case he would be allowed the same rations as the Sailors for his passage but no more and no grant of land will be given - or whether I should ask for a letter for a grant of land which will be given on his carrying out not less than £300 certainly (the regulation requires £500, but I have no doubt Mr Goulburn Lord Bathurst's Secretary would be satisfied with £300) and then I will ask Mr Buchanan to appoint him Surgeon if he is qualified. - I shall be glad to have an answer as soon as possible, as I consider it a great civility in Mr B. to make the offer. - In the convict Ships he cannot be appointed Surgeon, not having been in the Navy."

"It appears that Land is not granted to Surgeons having an appointment as it is thought farming would interfere with their professional pursuits and you will perceive that only Navy

Surgeons are appointed to Convict Ships. - I hope Mr Justice's remarks are sufficiently explicit for you to come to some decided opinion on the subject and favour me with an immediate reply. - The Denmark Hill is of course going to Van Diemen's Land which I suppose you might prefer.

Your letter I received on the 14th Inst. and as I wish for expedition you must excuse brevity, and I can only add that my services are at your command and I can safely assure you that my Friends are much interested in your welfare and I will gladly use every effort to accomplish your wishes.

Accept the united regards of myself and Family - present them also to Mr Hudspeth, and believe me
Yours most sincerely
S. H. Storry

To S. H. Storry Esq.

Bowdler Oct. 1. 1821

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter and hasten to return an answer which I am able to do without much hesitation on account of the short time allowed for making arrangements for so important a change in my situation. Having refrained from taking any step that might intimate to the public my intention of removing, I have got to set about getting forward my acct^{ts} and converting my whole property into money which would require a longer period than till the 31st Oct. - Besides from the limited state of my finances when a student, I never could amass sufficient funds to enable me to procure a Diploma, which I

find disqualifies me for the post of Colonial Surgeon and in this instance I doubt it will also prove a hindrance to my going as Surgeon of the Ship. though I have been employed in the same capacity before as Surgeon to the Emigrants going to a distant Colony. Success in the way I first imagined to myself appears therefore to be a forlorn hope, and consequently I must be content to go merely as a settler and take my chance for Practice.

I have learnt from the acquaintances of some who went from Leith, that they are succeeding beyond expectation in fact are making fortunes and that goods purchased in this country to the amount of £100 will be valued there at nearly £200 which will entitle the individual to 500 acres.

If I could obtain the intrinsic value of all my Goods and Chattels, the amount ought to exceed £300 but I doubt it will fall short of that sum. However as my determination is fixed I shall now set to work in good earnest and see what can be done. But untill I am prepared for every exigence I cannot think of abusing the goodness of my disinterested worthy friends by giving any further trouble.

Have the goodness to present my respectful Compliments to Mr Foster and sincere thanks till I can show my gratitude in some more substantial way. Accept the same yourself, including Mr Perry and family and I remain

Dear Sir

Your very obliged humble servant
J. M. Hudspeck -

To Mr Perry

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Bowdon Oct. 22, 1821

Dear Sir

From the lively interest you have taken in my affairs and the assistance derived from Mr Foster through your means, I again take the liberty of troubling you, by sending under cover to you the enclosed Petition to the Secretary for the Colonial Department, which perhaps Mr Foster will have the goodness to present and accompany with such personal recommendations as I have no doubt will secure ultimate success in my new undertaking. Since I last wrote I have formed an estimate of my resources, and find that my outstanding credits amount to nearly £300 (one half of which I would readily relinquish to be sure of the remainder). I believe the sale of what furniture and other things I have to dispose of will bring £100 more, and I shall borrow £200 on my house. These sums together with the household articles I take along with me, and the per centage on the goods I take out will increase the value of my property to more than what is required by Government. The form of application requires along with the petition a certificate of moral character, this I have sent, written by the Clergyman of the Parish in which I reside, signed by him and by two or three gentlemen of landed property in the immediate neighbourhood, by taking a very little trouble I might have procured many more, but considered it unnecessary, as I think the oral testimony of a respectable gentleman as Mr Foster of more consequence than the signatures of a hundred others at so great a distance. - Yet if you and Mr Harpe will add your names to the certificate, you will honor me much by so doing. I rather suppose it is likewise necessary to present a certificate to prove that my Capital amounts to the sum stated in the petition - this can hardly be done at present being partly personal property

and not yet converted into money, ²¹⁶ but if information on this subject is required, I refer to F. Sitwell by a magistrate who lives close by me and is acquainted with my circumstances.

There is a Ship to sail from Leith for Van Dieman's Land with passengers about the end of Nov^r. in which I have taken my passage and have engaged to act as Surgeon on the voyage, for which I am to be allowed one half of my passage money, or freight. - The shortness of the distance to Leith renders our removal much more convenient and far less expensive than by proceeding first to London.

It may be of some importance to us, that those who have the granting of this land be informed that my wife who accompanies me, is well skilled in the management of a Dairy and all the domestic affairs of a farm. - an advantage which few who go from large towns are seldom possessed of.

I wish Henry could come to Edinburgh to see us off, I am sure he would be much gratified by the visit. in the beauty and magnificence of its buildings, it perhaps surpasses every other city in the world. - The Ship I understand will touch at Portsmouth and I shall likely write to He from thence. With united respects to Mr Henry and family and I remain

Dear Sir,
your much obliged humble Serv^t.

J. M. Hudspeth.

P.S. I will not be disagreeable to you to hear that Mr Henry's family begin to see their error and have solicited me to attend them again. - The report of our intended emigration is filling every body with amazement and some who had withdrawn their friendship seem stung with remorse. - but the wound inflicted is too deep to be easily healed - and I cannot be diverted from my purpose. - However I have the satisfaction of seeing that I don't leave the country unregretted.

The Petition

To the Right Hon^{ble} Earl Bathurst
His Majesty's principal Secretary of State
for the Colonial Department.

The Petition of John Maule Hudspeth, Surgeon's Apprentice
residing in Bowdon in the Parish of Lowick, Northumb^r

Thumblly Sheweth

That your Petitioner accompanied by his wife, intends proceeding to the Colony of Van Dieman's Land, in the Ship Minerva about to sail for that Settlement from the Port of Leith, and will carry out with him property entirely his own to the amount of £500 or thereabouts to be employed in the cultivation of land in the said Colony.

Your Petitioner therefore respectfully requests that your Lordship will be pleased to give the necessary direction to the Deputy Governor of the said Colony to allow him a Grant of land on his arrival there.

Certificates of the moral character of your petitioner will herewith be presented to your Lordship and if further information is required respecting his capital

application may be made to Francis Sitwell Esq
Warmoor Castle - one of his Majesty's Justices of
the Peace for the County of Northumberland.

And your petitioner as in duty bound
will ever pray.

Bowdon - Oct. 24, 1821

The certificate

Lowick Oct. 22, 1821

We do hereby certify that we have known
your Petitioner Mr Hudspeck for some years
past as a respectable man in his profession,
& to his moral character no objection can be made.

Rob. Smith, S. Curate of Lowick

C. Haggerston, Parson

Frank Stowell, J.P.

Anty. Gregson

Ed. Laurie Minst. Tweedmouth

From H. Goulburn, Esq. Secretary to Lord Bathurst

Colonial Department
Downing Street, 31st Oct, 1821

Sir,

In reply to your Application of the
23^d Instant for a Grant of Land in Van Diemen's Land, I
am directed by Lord Bathurst to transmit to you
herewith a Letter to the Governor of that Colony for
a Grant of Land upon your arrival, in proportion to
the means you may propose of bringing the same into
Cultivation.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

M. Hudspeck Esq.
Bowdon, Bewick.

Henry Goulburn

To Mr R. Hudspeck at Mr Russell's W. Edinburgh.

Bowdon, Nov. 4, 1821

Dear Robert

I have just received yours along with
a variety of other letters - that of most importance is one
from the Secretary of State's office enclosing a circular to
Lieut. Gen. Lovell of Van Diemen's Land authorising him
to allow me land in proportion to the means I propose
of cultivating it. - The next in consequence is one from
Mr Ludlow, a son of the Minister of Kirkcubright near Hawick,
proposing to take my house and part of my stock and
furniture, to which I have agreed, and I expect him forthwith.

The next is a friendly note from Mr Donaldson of Chermick directing me how to procure Spanish Dollars, and offering me an introduction to a Gentleman in Leith ~~with~~ ^{an} intimate acquaintance of the Captain of the Minerva, who he informs me is a naval officer of great merit, and far above the common run of that class of men in point of respectability. - Then there is one from Michael Hindmarsh requesting you will engage his passage in the Minerva, he would like a berth to himself, if the rules of the ship will admit of it, but it will not I think to be so - and he will be berthmate. - I shall be in a greater dilemma now than ever as every thing seems to be done, and so short a time to do it in, I see the ship is advertised to sail on the 16th inst and care has been taken to inform the public that an experienced Surgeon will go in her, but as my time is so circumscribed I wish I could ascertain when the ship will actually sail (you know Mr B told me it might be the 2nd week of Decr) - and you may inform Mr Broadfoot that there is now no other obstacle than the shortness of time which may even be sufficient for my purposes if her departure does not take place before December. - You may further inform him that I have engaged a man to accompany me who will go in the Sterge, providing his resolution does not fail him & disappoint me. - I wish further to know whether I can be allowed to take out a Pig (grate) Mr Donaldson has at present a litter of young pigs of a peculiar species, sent originally by the Duke of Calabria as a present to a gentleman in this country. - and I wish to take a young male of this breed to improve the sown in the Colony if capable of improvement. With respect to Mr Broadfoot's request that I should pay a portion of my freight just now I have to observe that I shall not advance one farthing till

my arrival in Leith and am satisfied that the accommodations are such as the delicate situation of Mr Hindmarsh requires. - I beg you will go on board the ship and satisfy yourself on this head before we leave our own comfortable home. - If you see any cabin more suitable than another, try to secure it for us. - There is a man at Lasington that has come home for his family and is now going to return to New South Wales. - I shall pay him a visit tomorrow in quest of information before I lay in a stock of Merchandise. - I cannot help laughing at your admonition respecting young Benjamin Herbit. - providing his services be advantageous to me, I should care very little for any reflection his mother might have respecting his transmigration; however it happens that his family are as anxious for him to go as he is himself, or more so. - I believe my father and mother would take very little persuasion to allow Alexander to go also. - He is anxious enough himself, but I prefer Benjamin on many accounts. Alexander can follow hereafter if things turn out well with me. You will be so good as order two iron ploughs or pieces where they can be most conveniently had, and let me know the price that I may reserve money enough for I have no idea what they may cost. - In order to increase the value of my property in the Colony I asked an Ironmonger in Beau. to let me have £50 or £100 worth of goods on condition, I paid ready money for as much. - He seemed to have no material objections providing my Father would join me in a Bill. - Now I have but mentioned this to my father as he shows so much reluctance to give me any assistance in this business, but I am stating the circumstance to you, in order to ask if you would promise my father to pay

the interest of any sum below £100 till I am able to
redeem the whole, which I think there is every prospect
of being able to do in a short time if I live. - and if I
die my common share at my father's decease will surely
be sufficient to indemnify you. - I have never observed
any want of fraternal affection in the family, and if this
small sacrifice will secure the independance of one or more
of the family, I don't but Elizabeth and Catharine both will
join in the contribution. - My Father seems to be more
disposed to borrow for me £100, the interest of which the rest
of my house will pay, but then he don't seem to do it
willingly and it is unwise to me to be goading him to it. -

Mr Laidlaw offers me £75 for goods to that amount,
I shall sell things to the value of £100 or £125 more and the
remaining part of my household goods I reckon ought to be
worth £100 more in this country or upwards. - My Book
Debts amount to upwards of £200 but of this I expect I
shall not obtain above one half, then my current ex-
pences are to pay out of that, so that I can hardly cal-
culate of having £100 remaining. - Our passage will
cost £100, therefore according to this computation I shall
not have above £150 to convert into property without
some such expedient as I have just been proposing.

My first object is to obtain the greatest quantity of land
possible (I can cultivate what I please of it), my next
grand object will be to cancel my debts. - Perhaps
Mr Laidlaw will take it into his head to give something,
but I cannot calculate on this. - They have sent for Mary
today to go to Barrmore as Jane is considered at the
point of death. - John will soon follow. - What im-
pression these events will make on hearts like theirs
remains to be seen. - The prospect of Death has so far

humbled John's proud and vindictive spirit, as to bring
him to a sense of the baseness of his conduct towards us,
and he permitted himself to express his contrition to me.

Mary is in good spirits and all only reconciled to the
intend'd change but been about it and won't listen to any
alternatives. - Yet the parting from our friends and
more especially from our delightful little Elizabeth will
put her fortitude to very severe trials. -

Hoping to hear from you very soon I subscribe
myself, your affectionate brother

J. McHardy

P.S. I must endeavour to write to Elizabeth and
Catharine soon. -

From Mr Laidlaw, to J. McH

Kirkton Nov 12, 1821

Dear Sir,

I am sorry that upon mature delib-
eration have strenuously advised me to relinquish
all thoughts of commencing practice at Bowdoin,
as they think my health but indifferent which really
is the case, but notwithstanding their persuasions, I do
assure you I feel greatly disappointed at their conduct
as I was very anxious to settle in some country prac-
tice. I have therefore to thank you for your kind
attention to me and for the trouble I have put you
to; and I conclude with every wish for your welfare
and success by remaining

Your Obed^t Serv^t
D. Laidlaw

Compt^r to Mr Thudspeth.

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From Mr Broadfoot, Quality Steer, Leith

Leith 11th Dec. 1821

Sir
The Minerva sailed from London for Leith on Thursday the 22^d Ult^o. but owing to the stormy sea, & the winds we have had ever since and contrary winds, she is not yet arrived here. Indeed I have every reason to conclude, that being in ballast she has been blown off the coast, and cannot again make the land, as the winds have constantly blown from the South west. The weather however is now moderate and I confidently expect to see her up in the course of tomorrow or next day.

I shall advise you the moment she makes her appearance, in the mean time it will be unnecessary for you to come here until she is in Leith. If she arrives in a day or two, we intend to dispatch her on the voyage the first week in Jan^y, but of course we cannot positively fix the day of sailing until we see her. Your goods are come forward & safely lodged in my warehouse. - I am Sir,

Your most Obed^t Serv^t
J^r Broadfoot.

Loblock, P. No

I have this moment advice that the Minerva was spoken with off the Bell Rock on Sunday at 10 o'clock P.M. by a vessel that arrived at Aberdeen yesterday. I confidently look for her in Leith Roads this evening or tomorrow.

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To Mr H. Perry Jun^r - Bermordsey

Bowdoin, Dec. 16, 1821

My Dear Friend,

You find me still in the land of, Post beef, and set down to write a farewell to my respected friends in Miss Place, before I leave it perhaps forever. I hardly know whether I have done right or wrong in not sooner acknowledging the receipt of the answer to my application to Lord Malherbe, but I for some time expected to hear again from your Father: I hope I have not been so unfortunate as unintentionally to give offence, for I cannot suppose that your Father would be of doing good: I recollected after sending off the packet that I had accidentally sealed an enclosure which was intended to be sent open, but that could be of little consequence and I hope my doubts are groundless. - I am no payer of compliments, indeed benevolent actions require none: The philanthropist finds a reward in his own kind heart. Yet I am most grateful for past favours, and when I shall be removed to the remotest point of the terraqueous ball, I shall cherish in respectful remembrance the name of Perry associated with that of Foster. These were the first to step forward as friends at a time when I fancied myself abandoned by all the world. - The promulgation of my designs has developed more wellwishers than I could have imagined. My last letter to you was written under much chagrin and depression of spirits. Now, the case is altered. My wife's sister and Mother are both dead. - The latter before his death expressed much contrition for the part he had acted towards me, and wished to dissuade me from my resolutions. The old people seem much concerned and endeavour by acts of kindness in some measure to atone for their past conduct. The genteel people around us have in general manifested

the most lively interest in my future welfare, and several have requested me to correspond with them from O. Demons Land. Amongst the lower classes the news of my intended flight was no sooner known, than the breath of calumny was stifled and gave place to praise and panegyric, not a disrespectful word is ever heard and for the last two months I have absolutely got fat with flattery. - I have got my accounts all paid except about £40. some of which I may yet receive but the greater part is in bad hands. I shall also come to some loss by the failure of the Northumberland bank.

Several applications have been made for the house & practice I am about to relinquish, and a good deal of versatility and knavery has been displayed in consequence. - Having come to an agreement with a Mr Laidlaw son of a Scottish clergyman I declined treating with such as came afterwards. - in the end Laidlaw jilted me. - Another after eliciting all the information he required respecting the nature and extent of my practice commenced immediately in opposition to me. - And the person who has at last taken the house and purchased the Ref. furniture &c is as worthless a character as can well be imagined.

The Minerva, the ship in which I go, is to sail from Leith the first week in Jan. - my time in the mean time is occupied collecting my acc^{ts} - visiting, and procuring letters of introduction to people of respectability in the colony. - Every where people speak well of the country and approve of my determination, nothing has occurred to damp my resolutions and Mr H. as well as myself is animated with the best hopes. - But oh! the idea of parting from our interesting little girl is dreadful. - especially, as if instinctively sensible of her approaching loss, she has of late clung to us with more than common fondness. I could almost be tempted to yield to the innate wishes

of the mother, but on the other hand my own mother has been brought up with the expectation of possessing the little treasure as all that remains of us, and to disappoint her now would render her inconsolable; therefore out of compassion for parental agony, as well as for the advantage of the child, we must forego all personal gratification. - I had never before so much occasion for firmness, having to suffer the pain of parting forever from the dearest friends myself and at the same time support and comfort an amiable and excellent wife under a trial which in any situation is terrible to endure but in how peculiarly so. - Yet I trust that Power on whom we depend for all things will sustain us in the struggle!

The last favor I have to beg of you my dear Henry is that you will write me a long letter without delay. (I am here till Christmas) and with the most affectionate regards to your worthy parents and sister, I shall remain however remote.

Yours most respectfully and sincerely
J^o. Mc Hutcheon

From Mr Henry Reid

Grange Road, Beemondy
Dec^r 13, 1821

My Dear Friend

On a subject so peculiarly interesting as that which calls for a few observations at a time when your mind needs consolation, I scarce know how to proceed, because I feel utterly incapable to do justice to such an undertaking; but as my late silence appears to have given

rise to a supposition, that I might be offended at some part
of your conduct, I am especially anxious to clear up that
point by declaring to you that the apparent neglect arose
from a very different cause, & therefore let me beseech you
to banish every Idea of that kind and let me continue to possess
as large a share of your esteem as if you were remaining in
this quarter of the globe: you have known me long enough
to acquit me of flattery, and on that account be assured that
I value the good opinion of those whom I know are guided by
conscious rectitude; & I am fully persuaded that under all
the misfortunes you have experienced, nothing has tempted
you to deviate from that exemplary line of conduct which
was so steadily acted up to whilst under my own immediate
observation, & this our separation in this life appears now to be
final. I shall ever cherish a good opinion of your integrity,
and my ardent wishes will accompany you from the present
moment, and wherever it may please the Almighty Disposer
of events to place you, I humbly pray he may continue
to guard you, as well during your voyage, as well as when you
shall have reached the spot destined for your future residence,
your Wife will I hope also be spared to afford you comfort
during the remainder of your life. - Our Friend Foster has had
to procure from Lord Bathurst the papers you required and
in his anxiety to forward them I had not an opportunity of
making an enclosure, which together with a dislike to publish
correspondence has been the chief cause of my silence, for
which I was reproved by him, as well as those more immedi-
ately connected with me, who all feel equally interested and anxious
for your future welfare. - I hope that a letter from Henry will
reach you before you leave the Port of Leith, from whence we
should if circumstances permit, be glad to hear a further
account of your proceedings.

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Of my own situation and practice I can offer nothing new,
the last three months have been rather barren & less productive than
those in the former part of the year. I hardly know whether you
are acquainted of my having sported a single hard chair for
the last 10 months & to which I was actually driven from necessity,
my better Patients having removed to the distant villages of,
Cambuswell, Pockham, Dulisick, Brixton, & Clapham, where they
seemed inclined for me to follow them. - I was therefore under
the necessity of giving up the character of a Pedestrian Apothecary
and risk my neck in a two wheel Chair. - my expenses are
increased materially, but as necessity is absolutely my Master,
I must submit cheerfully; my health is improved by the change,
as in the course of last year I was failing from fatigue.

Henry is this winter attending the different Lectures, & is
dismissing about a week since his finger unfortunately came
in contact with his Colleague's forceps, and abraded the cuticle
upon the joint of the four finger of the right hand, from whence
arose a very troublesome dyslipolations inflammation,
which appears to have resisted the usual remedies of empu-
ring lotions, but is giving way to leeches, and though he cannot
yet write with comfort I hope he will be completely well
next week. - Sir Astley Cooper has now so much private practice
that I fear his Public is too much neglected, and he has lately
introduced an Assistant Surgeon, a Mr Key who married a niece
of his own. - The Lectures of Anatomy & Surgery are given by
Mr Green a man of much talent - but I am sorry to observe
that a new Anatomical Theatre was erected last summer in
Webb Street under the auspices of a Mr Grainger, who is indefi-
nitely fatigable in attention and has drawn a considerable number
of Students from the Old School. Lectures on Physic are given
in his Theatre by D. Armstrong who expresses himself satisfied
with the number at present in attendance upon him.

Of doubt we learn nothing & I begin to fear something has occurred to change his sentiments, or the climate has rendered him inert. Do not my good Friend follow his example, but let us hear by every opportunity how you are situated; our individual or collective anxiety will never abate, but from an entire cessation of intercourse which I hope will not commence with myself, and I cannot help again expressing in conclusion that however distant our situation, you, with your beloved wife will always have a share of our considerations, and whilst we deplore the steps that are now unalterably fixed, we shall ever pray for your prosperity; we deem thankful that your removal has been thus delayed when such dreadful accounts have arrived from all parts of the effects of the late storms &c. I dare not add a word on the subject with which you nearly conclude your letter, when this arrives the painful hour or minute may have come on, - May God give each of you strength in the hour of trial; is the ardent wish of this family as well as our suspected Friends Forsters &c.

I think it was Christmas day 1817 we passed a few comfortable hours together before your departure from Town. - this Christmas will be attended with different feelings, you will be thought of by our usual party and by none more sincerely than your attached Friend
 S. H. Sterry

From Mr. S. Donaldson Esq
 Cheswick Dec. 29, 1821

Dear Sir,
 Enclosed you have a letter of introduction

to J. Osley Esq. Surveyor General of New South Wales, which I received from his sister yesterday. - In her letter to me she mentions her intention of going out in the Spring to join her brother at Sydney, so that it is possible you may hereafter become acquainted with her. - Osley is of a very good family on his mother's side, who was the grand daughter of Lord Mordaunt, in him you will find a well informed man & a gentleman.

I also enclose you a letter to my friend Mr. George Leith who will have great pleasure in rendering you any assistance in his power. - I leave home for a few days on Monday and in the event of your setting off before my return, I beg you to accept of my best wishes for your future prosperity, and in the hope that we one day or other may meet again. I remain
 yours very sincerely
 J. S. Donaldson

Present my respects to Mr. Hurdwith with best wishes for a pleasant and expeditious voyage.

To Mr. H. Sterry Junr.

On Board the Minerva at Portsmouth
 April 6th 1822.

My dear Henry,
 You might be surprized to learn that we are advanced no farther on our voyage than Portsmouth, were you not accustomed to perpetual details from me of misfortunes, grievances and disappointments. You will remember when I last wrote to you I was in daily expectation of being summoned to join the Ship at Leith, being informed by the Ship's Agent, that she would sail "the last week in Jan" and at all events not later than the 2nd of Feb." Mr. H. and I set off for

Edinburgh on the 21st of Jan^y.²³² but on going to Leith to see the Ship, instead of finding her ready for sea, she was lying in the Docks unrigged. I also found myself deceived with regard to the size of the vessel, and the cabin set apart for me a very confined and inconvenient one, but this was remedied by persisting in having one of my own choosing. In Edinburgh lodgings are much more expensive than in London, and I grudging much to be spending the money I had reserved for use on our arrival in Australia, but what offended me most of all, was their so positively affirming that the ship would sail on the 22nd of Feb^y that I desired a man servant who goes with me to be in Town by that day and afterwards had him to support in lodgings likewise.

Other passengers have experienced as much inconvenience as we have from procrastination and falsehood. One very genteel family who took a cabin passage in expectation of being away in September last, have nearly spent their all in lodgings since that time, and now find themselves under the necessity of going into the Steerage amongst the common labourers and mechanics.

But what rendered delay particularly irksome to me was the dread of my wife falling to pieces just before setting off, or immediately after and to obviate the danger from such a change as the sudden removal from a comfortable house to a cold and damp apartment in a ship might occasion, I proposed when the time of her confinement drew nigh, that she should occupy her cabin in the ship. Otherwise I would compel them to refund the money advanced for our passage and be freed from my engagement altogether. For their own interest they agreed to the former, and from the 26th of Feb^y we slept in the Ship entirely by ourselves, but walked to Edinburgh and back again (a distance of nearly 5 miles) every day till the 7th of March, when the birth of a lusty girl put a stop to these laborious excursions, two days after we went out of the harbour & anchored at a distance from the shore in what is called the Roads. Almost immediately a storm commenced and blew with such violence that the Ship parted from her anchors, and we ^{were} compelled to

seek refuge in the first port we could reach. ²³³Provisionally it happened to be high water and a high tide at the time, and we got into Kirkcaldy in safety, where we had to wait till the next spring tides for water sufficient to get out again, yet after being there a fortnight they were still unprepared to proceed on the voyage and the first night we were in the Roads again, we encountered another storm with the loss of another anchor, but the other anchor being attached to a chain cable held fast otherwise the consequences might have been serious. On March 29th we sailed from Kirkcaldy Roads and had a pleasant run the first day, but the next we experienced a tremendous storm in which we were buffeted about till Sunday afternoon, when we reached Bridlington Bay in Yorkshire and were all very glad to take shelter there. Next day we sailed again and in 36 hours were in the Straits of Dover but the wind then failed and we did not arrive here till 11 last night.

M^{rs} Hindpath was recovering wonderfully well considering the precariousness of her situation, the tossing of the Ship unkinged her very much in bad weather, but the last storm nearly exhausted both her strength and patience, for the violence of the motions occasioned extreme sickness and vomiting, which I don't very well agree with a Nurse. Nevertheless the little one don't seem to suffer, she is well and growing rapidly. I have had her vaccinated and baptized by the name of Alice Eleonora.

While we were in Kirkcaldy the Provost of the Town who is an old and very opulent manufacturer invited me to dine with him in order to have some conversation on a subject very near his heart. He has discovered that a plant which grows spontaneously and in great abundance in New Zealand, produces a sort of flax of strength and quality so much superior to any thing of the kind yet known, that he thought the subject of sufficient importance to induce him to communicate the result his opinions and the result of his experiments to Government. His letter (which I have a copy of) was presented to the Board of Trade by Gen^l Ferguson M.P. most favorably

received, the subject was thought of so much importance that either
305 Sons of the Flax was ordered by Government to be used procured and
sent to Provost Ferguson of Kirkcaldy, in order that he may be able to
substantiate his conceptions on the subject. He is so enthusiastic
about it and so certain of its merits that he says if any it can
be raised in sufficient quantity it will supersede the use of Euro-
pean flax in the manufactures of this country, and in a political
point of view, will render this Kingdom quite independent of Russia.
So certain is he of the superiority of this production over every
other of the kind, that he is convinced if any young man will devote
his attention to the culture or collection of the commodity, a greater
fortune may be made by it, than ever was made in India or
any other country in the same space of time. The name of
the plant is Phormium Tenax - of which in the course of 3 or 4 years
I hope to transmit home a large cargo.

I have procured several very good introductions to persons of res-
pectability in New South Wales, but few to any one of note in Van
Diemens Land. The Deputy Governor there is an Englishman and
apparently known to few in the northern parts of the Kingdom.
As our stay here may be short I hope to hear from
you without delay. And with sincere regards to your Father,
Mother and sister. I remain My dear Henry
Your affectionate friend
J. M. Hudspeth.

From M. Kerry Sew and Son

Grange Road April 11. 1832

Dear Hudspeth,

After perusing your letter which reached
us on the 9th. I cannot refrain from offering my congratulations
on the termination of some of the most severe dispensations

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which in the space of the last three months it has been
your lot to encounter, and most earnestly hope they may
be the presage to a more prosperous state; knowing how
much resolution you possess, and feeling that you have always
relied firmly on the Almighty power, I feel convinced you
have encountered these trials with manly fortitude, but your
Wife's situation has been most seriously critical, and I am sur-
prised to find that her health has been so well preserved under
the extreme hardships she must have experienced; here however
we witness the superintending hand of a kind Providence, in him I
doubt not she has trusted, and if it should be his gracious pleasure to
yet severer trials, I am persuaded you will submit with patient
resignation to the divine will: it is my earnest prayer however
(and not mine only) that your prospects may henceforth brighten,
and that there are comforts even in this life, which may more than
counterbalance the evils hitherto sustained: it may perhaps be
rather of consolation that you had not proceeded on your voyage
at a more early period, as the weather has been so very tempestuous
that even more dismal consequences might have ensued, we have
been under considerable anxiety concerning you, having seen an account
of a vessel having been wrecked, bearing the same name as that in which
you are about to take your tour, but upon enquiry we felt satisfied of
your not being one of her unfortunate passengers. Our Friends Foster
are in good health and desire their best remembrances - in reference
to the flax you mention, we consulted Wildman who speaks of it
as having been used in making female garments, I earnestly wish
you may be able to turn it to your advantage. I must now leave
the remainder for Henry, but cannot conclude without offering the
united good wishes of my family and friends, for the personal safety of
yourself, wife and child during the voyage, and that every blessing
may accompany you in that situation, when you appear to be
destined to pass a great proportion of your future life, and as I
feel hastening to my end, there is little reason to expect we shall

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meet again in this world, receive then my most sincere wishes
for your temporal welfare, and also for your everlasting happiness.
Lose no opportunity in letting us hear from or of you, and be assured
no one will feel greater pleasure in receiving good tidings of you
than the family of your most sincerely attached Friend.

Samuel Henry Herry

I cannot help regretting that our Friend Coulter should have aimed
to correspond with us - Adieu my good Friend!!!

My Dear Hudspeth

It is with much pleasure that I embrace this
opportunity of again writing to you before you bid adieu to your
native land. Your letter which arrived on Tuesday last was very gladly
received by us all, as we felt a good deal of anxiety at not having heard
from you earlier, more especially from the tempestuous weather we
had some time ago & which we were afraid you would have had to
encounter at sea. I am glad to hear you have procured letters of in-
troduction to persons of rank in New South Wales as they are generally
said to be of great service. I hope they will prove so to you.

I should very much have liked to have come & seen you at Ply-
mouth, but fearful lest the parting would be a much severer
trial than the very great pleasure I should have felt in once
again beholding you. I have been obliged though reluctantly
to give up all idea of it. My sister has been spending a week
in Sussex which she enjoyed very much & is looking much better
for the change of air, though we all are and have been, thank God
in excellent health. My Father since he rode more & walked less
has also enjoyed a better share of health and spirits.

With the most fervent prayers for you & your family's welfare
health and happiness believe me ever to remain

Your most affectionate Friend

Henry Herry

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T. M. Hudspeth, Bowdon near Berwick upon Tweed, Great Britain.
(Letter N^o 1)

Porto Praya, 28th May 1822

My Dear Parents,

We have arrived at what I may term the
2^d stage of our journey, Porto Praya in the Island of St. Jago, and as
there is a vessel here which will in a short time sail for Lisbon,
I embrace the opportunity of giving you some account of our
proceedings up to this date. We sailed from Spithead on the 16th of April
and had got as far as the Bay of Biscay, when on the 21st a gale of Wind
increased to such a degree as obliged us to turn back for the British Channel,
and the following day in the afternoon we left anchor in the Harbour
of Falmouth where we were detained by contrary winds till the 26th
when we again proceeded to sea, and on that day 3 weeks we made
the Island of Sal one of the Cape Verde. The weather has been un-
usually good since we last left England, and having been fortunate
in getting the Trade wind early, the passage thus far has been more
like a pleasure jaunt than any thing else. It has been so agreeably
interlarded with incident that the time appears much shortened. We
at first fell in with a good many ships of different nations and spoke
them from a French ship we received a handsome present of Blarney, two
or three were requested to report us to the Lloyd's agent at their respective
places of destination, so that I hope you have heard something of us
long before this reaches you. The wind was rather unfavorable for a
day or two which led us to the coast of Portugal which we had a sight
of, we next had a peep at the Madieras, then a grand view of the
Canaries, the Peak of Teneriffe rearing its stupendous summit far above
the clouds and appearing like an island floating in the air; we sailed
down along the shore of Palma and were much delighted with its rich and
picturesque appearance, we made signals to bring boats from the
shore, but the people of these parts are too indolent to be roused even
by the prospect of gain to exert themselves for more came near us.

We arrived here on the 28th. The island is evidently a volcanic production, indeed I can compare the face of the country to nothing it so much resembles as loam ashes mixed with largeinders, not a blade of grass scarce the vestige of any vegetation is to be seen except here & there ^{few} solitary evergreens growing out of the parched dust. there is scarcely either streams of water or springs. The town of Praya is supplied by a single well which is sunk below the level of the sea & the water is consequently hard and brackish; what is worse it is warm. I am told that after a few days rain the country is immediately covered with grass and after the rainy season they have plenty of forage for four months, but when the sun comes north of the Equator every thing is parched up. There are some fine spots here and there in the interior where all the tropical fruits are produced; I took an excursion to a plantation called Trinidad six or 7 miles from Praya, where all the I saw Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Plantains, Cocoa nuts, Pine Apples, Tamarinds, Water Melons, Sugar cane & other things growing luxuriantly but the season is too early yet for ripe fruit. a fine stream of water is conveyed through this little paradise, and 100 huts or upwards are scattered over the spot. Only one person of consideration appears to live here, whom the natives call the President, from which I suppose he is at the head of the Provisional Government here. These poor islands have long followed the example of the mother country & others of her dependencies in changing their constitution. the Governor has relinquished his situation & gone to Portugal. The inhabitants are chiefly of the African race intermixed with a few Portuguese, they are a hard, some well formed people and their features rather pleasing than disagreeable. Their dress is adapted to the climate, that of the females being loose and flowing, and though much in the way Merilies stile is far from being elegant. yet many of both sexes approach to a state of nudity. Their religion is the Roman Catholic; many of them the women especially are to be seen carrying their beads and rosary in their hand, & both young

and old wear some emblem of superstition about them. At different places a small wooden cross is set up, propped on the top of a small heap of stones on which are piled up a quantity of human bones, these are never passed without some mark of adoration & respect. How they dispose of their dead I dont exactly know, but if they are interred at all, their bones are afterwards collected together and kept above ground at places appropriated for that purpose; adjoining the church at Praya is a small court in each corner of which is a heap of these relics.

The town of Praya stands on the brink of a precipice close to the sea, so situated that it may have the advantage of the sea breezes. it is a wretched place in the eyes of an European, yet the novelty of its appearance is agreeable to strangers; it is pretty well fortified, the barracks and a few whitewashed houses help to give it a respectable appearance but a great proportion of the town is composed of negro huts.

Though the inhabitants are poor in appearance, few of them are without money, they purchase old clothes, blankets &c from the Ships that put in here with the fruits of the country at a very cheap rate, the former they dispose of again to the Portuguese people at a dear rate, in that way they turn trade to their advantage. We yesterday had a party to dinner consisting of the Captains of 3 or 4 ships now in this port and the American Consul here, a very polite gentleman, he has kindly undertaken to enclose ~~some~~ our letters with his despatches to his correspondent in Lisbon from whence I hope they will be duly forwarded to Britain.

He also invited the ladies to his house, but Mary having been once in Praya will hardly be tempted on shore again. The women complain much of the heat and Alice is always most happy when the sun goes down, for my own part I have not found it very oppressive. we are all three in perfect health. Alice goes on thriving in spite of every thing and is becoming a little interesting creature, she is already bereaved & deprived of every article of dress that can be dispensed with. She is kept every morning

in a tub of sea water, her mother is an excellent nurse, but you will be concerned to hear that she is becoming a complete thief. Water is the object of her covetousness and I assure you our fears are her stratagem to obtain it - indeed this useful element is a luxury we now prize above every thing. The water of St. Jago is very bad and were it not that we mix it with tamarinds or lemon juice it could hardly be drank. - Our Friends at Sunnyside will be happy to hear that Benjamin is quite well, & what is even more satisfactory behaves himself extremely well. we find him both useful and willing to oblige. Good conduct I am sorry to say cannot be attributed to many of our fellow passengers. Their behaviour at each port we have touched at has been disgraceful to themselves, to the ship, and to the country they come from. - Some of them besides being fond of the bottle, delight in breeding quarrels which they enjoy above every thing, but I am determined that no provocation shall induce me to act ridiculously. - A Duel was fought the day after we arrived here between two of the Steerage passengers in consequence of one having said that the other's wife always at dinner took to secure for herself a "tit bit". The dispute was decided by pistols according to the laws of honor without harm to the parties, which those who thirst for blood are disappointed at and sneeringly say the pistols were not loaded. We like Capt. Well much better than we did at first, in fact he is too much the gentleman to be amongst any but gentlemen.

On the morning of the 6th of May, Mr. Robertson was brought to bed of a daughter, she had a very good time, and we managed things so well that nobody knew such a thing was in hand till all was over. She recovered so well as to be on deck and dining in the public cabin on that day week. On this occasion as well as ever since they first came into the Ship, Mary & I have been very kind and attentive to her & her child but we have been repaid with gross rudeness and ingratitude. She is sensible of the favours conferred on them, but Robertson is a brute destitute of common sense

and natural feelings. we have moreover discovered that they have left behind a very disreputable character. so that we are happy in a good pretext for shaking off all connection with them.

We propose sailing tomorrow in company with an American vessel bound to the coast of Africa, and one from Liverpool for London. I hope this will find you all well, & that we shall have the happiness to hear good accounts from you soon after our arrival in U.S.A. - Of our own little Darling we so often think and speak, that she is not absent from our Dreams, but Dreams are but fables and she is sometimes presented to our imagination as dead, it leaves no serious impression. if it should be so we are prepared to submit and feel satisfied that all is right. Mary joins me in fervent prayers for her and your happiness here and hereafter. Remember us to the Warriner family and to all enquiring friends. I remain

My dear parents,

Your very affectionate Son
J^r McHendry.

(P.S.)

(N^o 2. written at Hobart Town. & dated Sept. 1822. but had not time to take a copy.

To Mr. Stacey junr. London

Hobart Town Oct. 1822

My dear friend,

Before retiring into the wilderness I take up my pen to inform you of our arrival in Van Diemen's Land after a long disagreeable and disastrous voyage. Do what I will go where I will misfortune seems to be my constant companion. After leaving Portmouth and getting as far as the Bay of Biscay we were forced by a violent gale of wind to put back to the Channel, and we took refuge in Falmouth where we spent a week very agreeably. On the 30th

April we again put to sea and had a fine ¹⁴² passage to the Cape Verde Islands where we put in for supplies but procured nothing but nasty water and unripe fruit. On leaving the Port of Bona we had for 3 weeks the company of an American King bound for the coast of Africa and as we kept up a most friendly intercourse with the gentlemen on board of her the first part of the voyage passed over agreeably enough; but when we approached the Equinoctial line we were as is usual often become the reserve of strangers, the politeness and decorum ^{of society} in general were off as we were longer together - and as our command seemed to take neither pleasure nor pains to keep maintain civility, good breeding and good order in the ship, the evil passions of man began to be developed in all manner of ways and nothing but turbulence and anarchy prevailed during the whole of our long voyage, which lasted till the 23^d of Sept^r - the space we traversed over in the course of it, amounted to 17,000 nautical miles. - When we got round the Cape of Good Hope, it being the winter season, we expected bad weather but at the same time a speedy passage across the Indian Ocean in the latter respect we were disappointed, but we had several severe gales of wind, in one of which that occurred on the 2^d of Sept^r I had the misfortune to lose the Man Servant I brought with me from England, he was pitched overboard by the tipping of the ship in the storm and never more seen. His loss to me is irreparable, he was a sober, honest, industrious lad, possessed of a good mechanical genius and acquainted with farming in all its branches. Besides he was nearly related to me and so devoted to my interest that we looked upon him more in the light of a friend than a servant.

Towards the end of the voyage the Captain conducted himself in a strange manner; formerly he was all fun and frolic to excess; now he fell into a fit of despondency and scarcely spoke to any one, less indeed to his former favorites than to any body else; he lay much in bed & when upon deck he generally retired to a corner by himself, kept gazing on vacancy for a long time, in fact in every thing he did he

243 betrayed a high degree of eccentricity, not to call it madness. When we got within three days sail of our destination the wind came foul and we got rather to the South of our track, perhaps not more than half a degree, but he took it into his head that we were in danger of falling in with ice (in Lat. 44° 30') so he tacked about and stood to the Northward for several days till we were so near the South coast of New Holland that had it chanced to blow hard we must have been driven on shore. Fortunately the weather kept moderate and the wind became favourable but instead of steering a direct course as we might have done, had we kept in the line of our track, several days were spent in making up the ground we had lost. We had now lost all confidence in our command but no one durst speak nor give the most distant hint about any thing lest he would do something desperate. Under such circumstances it was with no small joy that we saw the land of our adoption on the morning of Sept^r 21st and as we advanced into Port Jackson's bay the scenery was so picturesque and romantic that every one appeared transported with delight, but a sudden revolution was produced in the feelings and looks of every one, on seeing rocks above water and breakers on each side of us and a forest of sea weed all round the ship, growing from rocks at the bottom, we immediately tacked about and beat out to sea again, then we discovered that some low barren islands that lie in the mouth of the straits had concealed from us the more capacious and safer channel into which we then steered, but the wind died away and we got up a very short way, however we were far enough to lead us to expect that all our alarms and dangers were at an end and under that impression every one retired to rest perfectly free from apprehension, but to our astonishment and dismay we were caused at midnight with the dreadful outcry that the ship was ashore, and before we got dressed the Capt. desired every one to be called up for he thought the ship was going down head foremost, however after the first alarm had somewhat subsided it was found that the bank against which she lay was steep and the water deep and by dragging her astern with a boat and pushing with poles

from the shore. she was providentially ²⁰⁴ got off without damage.

This frightful accident was occasioned by the most culpable negligence. - the Capt. from ~~much~~ watching and anxiety was very much fatigued and it being a calm still night the Ship was hove too and he went below to rest himself, leaving her in charge of the Mate and the usual watch. - the Officer thought proper to indulge himself with a nap. the men followed his example and nobody discovered the Ship to be in danger till she struck upon the rocks. It was fortunate that there was little wind and no swell in the sea at the time. otherwise the consequences might have been serious.

We got to an anchor before Hobart Town on the evening of the 28th and next day I waited on the Lieut. Gov^l who gave me a Grant of 600 acres of land, to be taken in any part of the country I choose. - Had we arrived a week sooner I would have got my land in the most fertile and populous part of the country - the Pittwater District. but a gentleman had just made choice of the only remaining 500 acres there, in preference to 1500 elsewhere, which was his Grant. - All the land on navigable rivers is already located and there is no good land to be had now nearer than 150 or 200 miles from Hobart Town. I have chosen mine in the Plain of Siericko. it is watered by the river Jordan and so situated as to command the sea of hill country behind, nearly 3 miles where the river issues from a sort of Lake called Big Lagoon.

I have been extremely fortunate in having an introduction to Major Price of the 48th Reg. he is acting Engineer, and Superintendent of Public Works and has the assignment of the convict servants, so I hope thro' him to get good useful men. if I dont meet with some assistance from some quarter, I dont know what will become of me for independent of the loss of my servant soon after I came on shore I had the lock of one of my chests picked and the contents taken away to the value of upwards of £50. and the things which I bought on speculation have sold to no profit. Yet I dont despair when I look about and view the enchanting scenery around me and see the comfort and abundance that every one enjoys

I cannot but hope in course of time to have ²⁴⁵ a share of the general prosperity. - but it be all up hill work for a while with me.

Hobart Town far exceeds in extent and beauty what I expected. it is fully 3 miles in circumference. the streets are wide and laid out on a regular plan running all parallel and at right angles with each other. - The houses are also built in a straight line back from the street. they are mostly very neat and as each house stands by itself, in a little garden with a regular paling in front the streets have much the appearance of a handsome village in the South of England. there are several large & handsome brick buildings which would not disgrace the Metropolis of the mother country and upon the whole there is scarcely a shabby house in the town. the greater part are now of brick and all are covered with split wood called shingles which can hardly be distinguished from slates. Government House is a neat cottage of 2 stories with 9 windows in the length, it is adorned with neat shrubberies, about the middle of the same street is a very handsome brick church & opposite to it a Court House is building with stone. - The Barracks stand on an eminence apart from the town they are built in the oblong style - one story high and four times sides of a square. Hobart Town is thought to be large enough and it is in contemplation to found a Town to be called Brighton about 16 miles up the country which is to be the capital and about 22 miles further another town called Callands, if these schemes are carried into execution in my day, it will greatly enhance the value of land in the interior. - Of the country in general I can hardly give a perfect description, and I can hardly convey an idea of it to you by comparison for it is like no other country that I know. - to call it a hilly country does not describe it for it is rather a country of hills. there are some fine Plains to be sure a long way inland but they bear no proportion to the extent of hill country. - The poorest soils are usually most thickly wooded and some of the richest tracts quite bare. - The trees are all evergreens and in some places there is a great

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variety of beautiful flowering shrubs. The climate is very salubrious, though subject to sudden changes of temperature. The days are hot and the nights very cold. even sharp frosts are experienced in the middle of summer in the interior, but near the sea coast this does not occur and the winters are so mild that the Stock, Holly flower Myrsinelle and Geraniums grow to a great size and stand over the winter in the open air. In the gardens the Peach, Apple, Pear, Plum, Cherry, Currant, Gooseberry, Raspberry, Strawberry &c &c thrive extremely well, there are also Grapes.

Still this country is not the paradise described by Jeffrey, that fellow has immortalized himself as an Author, namely an Author of lies. even Wentworth's work on the subject is too favorable, the plain simple narrative of Capt. Dixon is the most faithful account yet given of the state of the colony, as far as it goes it contains pure matter of fact only, and his advice to emigrants is worthy of attention, "let those who can live at home stay at home, but if a man must emigrate this is the country to emigrate to." I would modify this, "let those who have any thing to emigrate with" for I would not recommend any one to come to this country without he can bring a clear capital of £500 in cash at least, but £1000 would do better. No emigrant unless he has been advised by a correspondent in the colony ought to bring goods on speculation, the market is at present glutted with every thing. I am allowed 3 convict servants but those at present at the disposal of Government are such useless bad fellows that I mean to wait till a fresh set arrive from England. some of those fellows behave very well, but they are never to be too much depended upon. However the promptitude with which the law is put in force keep them a good deal in awe and a new penal settlement has been lately established at Macquarie Harbour on the west coast of the island, where they are hardworked, ill fed, well whipped, and cannot escape,

which is likely to be productive of much good. - In the country property is much safer than in the Town and it is often owing to the carelessness of the owner of his property is stolen. -

My little girl born in the ship has been a thriving good tempered creature and will be a great amusement to us in the wilderness. - Two more ladies were confined on the voyage & did remarkably well. -

With joins me in respects to your Father, Mother, sister & self, and I remain
My dear Henry
Your affectionate Friend
J. McHudspeth

To Mr Evans, Deputy Surveyor of Lands.

Mr Evans
Sir,
Jericho Oct 30th 1822

On being disappointed of Leman Springs I have lately made choice of the steep situated between Mr Meredith and Watsons in Fourteen Tree Plain, but his Honor the Lieut. Governor was kind enough to say I might choose some other spot if on second sight I found it would not suit me. I therefore now beg leave to acquaint you that I have fixed on the land on the Jordan behind Mr Watsons and I am

Sir
Your obliged obedient servant
J. McHudspeth

Mem. - I called at Mr Evans house on 11th Nov and was informed by him that there was no objection to my having the land alluded to above.

From Lieut. Gov^r Sorrell

Sir

A Boy named Whitewick was assigned to you on Tuesday, and since his departure it is found that his Father is here.

The Lad is a Miller and could be placed here with a person that would teach him the complete trade of a Smith; If therefore he is not useful to you, I beg you to send him back. I do not however at all wish to remove him if his services are useful to you, at least until you can replace him.

I remain Sir

Your Obed^t humble servant

W^m Sorrell

13th Nov^r 1822

To His Honor Lieut. Gov^r Sorrell

Nov^r 20th 1822

Sir

I have just been honored with your note desiring me to send back this Boy Whitewick, and I have to thank you for your permission to keep him till I get another, as at present he is really useful to me. The servant I brought up with me at first proved such a worthless character that I have got little or nothing done and I am anxious to get a few potatoes planted before the season is too far advanced. I have the honor to be

Yours very obed^t and very humble Serv^t
J. R. Hudspeth

From J. Scott Esq. Colonial Surgeon

H. M. Colonial Hospital

Nov. 23, 1822

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 5th Inst: and the representation of Major Bell the Acting Engineer to His Honor the Governor, I am directed to acquaint you that your services will be accepted on terms similar to Mr Officer on the New Norfolk Station viz. 3/- per diem and some other indulgencies which will be mentioned in the letter of instructions you will receive along with the medicine from this Hospital. In the mean time if you cannot make it convenient to appear here, will you have the goodness to state to me in writing the name of the School where you studied and the certificates you may have of your Medical Education.

I have also to inform you that your indulgencies will commence from the date of your settling at Jericho.

I remain Sir,

Your Obed^t humble Servant

J. Scott
Jericho

J. Scott
Colonial Surgeon

To J. Scott Esq. Colonial Hospital

Jericho Nov. 29, 1822

Sir

In answer to your favor of the 23rd I have to inform you that I served a regular apprenticeship with a respectable practitioner in the North of England and finished my studies in London.

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at the Borough Hospitals where I attended the Lectures of Cooper, Blin, Babington, Cury, Haughton, and of Mr. Timpton a private lecturer, from each of whom I have a certificate. I may further add that I have been in actual practice for the last 10 years and have performed most of the common operations of Surgery. These I trust will be deemed sufficient to qualify me for the appointment which his Honor the Lieut. Gov. has been pleased to confer.

I remain Sir

Your much obliged & very humble Servt
J. M. Handspeeth.

To Major Bell, Acting Engineer, Hobart Town

Sieiché Vie: 26th 1822

Sir

One of the three servants that were assigned me having been sent away in consequence of misconduct, and another recalled by his Honor the Lieut. Governor, may I take the liberty of asking two others in their stead? There is an elderly man named Thos. East in the Red Gang at Springhill who I understand would answer my purpose extremely well; if he can be spared you would do me a great favor by letting me have him for one. With respects to Mr. Bell, I remain Sir

Your much obliged

His most Obedt. humble servant

J. M. Handspeeth.

P. S. Mr. Ferguson was brought to bed of a daughter on the night of the 18th. He has since been very ill but is now recovering favorably.

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From Major Bell

Dear Sir,

Your letter relieved us from much anxiety for we had a report here that Mr. Ferguson was dangerously ill and had just been at Mr. McLeod's shop to enquire if Mr. Chaston could give me any late accounts of Mr. F. Will you present our Compts. and congratulate Mr. & Mrs. F. on this addition to their family. You can have the man you mention from Aire. Compts. to Mr. Handspeeth.

Yours truly
J. Bell

The Skelton arrived on the 26th. my two children sailed in the Castle Forbes on the 23^d.