

6, OXFORD TERRACE,

EDINBURGH.

8th Oct. 1885

My dear Mr Adam,

I called this
afternoon in the hope of
seeing Mr Black & your
self - but failed. It af-
terwards occurred to me
that I had not seen
you at the office in

the forenoon, and finally
it flashed across my mind
that this was a Mussel-
burgh day!

I herewith send the
little wedding present I
selected in Florence last
April. I hope you will

kindly accept ~~it~~ it,
though so late in the day,
with all my best wishes.

A number of accidents
seem to have occurred to
delay the parcel which
arrived in Glasgow last week
and was fully unpacked

today.

Believe me

Yours very truly

John C. Back

B&P

BLACK, John Sutherland (1846-1923)

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a.l.s., 4pp. 8vo, 6 Oxford Terrace, Edinburgh, 8 Oct,
1885, to Mr Adam, saying he had called to see A and
Mrs Black, but failed, then realized A would be at
Musselburgh; sends with letter a wedding present he
selected in Florence last April, but only just
received. Watermark of medieval lady & unicorn, on
either side of a shield with anchor atop. v.g.

"Mr Adam" seems to have been Adam Black, son of the
Adam Black who published the Encyclopaedia Britannica
and the Waverley Novels. The sons took the publish-
ing business to London in 1895.

B says he hadn't seen A at the office in the forenoon.