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Bl Lincoln's Inn Fields - London - June 29. 1838 -

My dear Sir

I return you many thanks for your kind & satisfactory letter. The intelligence respecting the sale of my small Scottish edition is particularly pleasing. Whilst 2500 copies of it have gone off in 11 months - as many more of the vignette'd edition have been sold within the same time & also 1000 copies of the 9 Shilling edition - so that in all Six Thousand Copies of my poems have gone off in a year.

Well! what you tell me about my poor old sister's desire to see me has decided me to be in Edin<sup>h</sup> the latter end of August - I shall not be able to remain more than a few days. for my Life of Petrarch is pledged to be out in Oct<sup>r</sup> - & ten days spent in the journey will leave me very hard press'd for time to get out my publication - It may seem odd to say I could have wished to avoid this visit - There are three people in Edin<sup>h</sup> with whom the act of taking leave is distressing to me in the extreme: these are my Sister - old Mr. Alison & Mr. Buzald Stewart - On this occasion I may almost reckon on taking a last farewell of them - & I should have almost thought my sister



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would have feared the shock of bidding me again & forever adieu - But  
since it is her wish - God forbid that I should refuse her -

We are at last beginning to be tranquil here - after London has been in a  
travelling fever for a week about the coronation - I was present at the cere-  
-mony in Westminster Abbey - The spectacle was very magnificent &  
affecting -

I see but little of my Nephew since his conjugal life - but I know he is  
well - settled in a house - & devoutly praying to Divine Providence merci-  
-fully to take unto himself as many of the Custom-house officers as stand  
between him & promotion -

I trust this will find your dear Mother perfectly well - Offer her my best  
remembrance & believe me

My dear Sir  
Your sincere & obliged friend  
W<sup>m</sup> Campbell -



I will thank you my dear John ~~now~~ <sup>nevertheless</sup> not to speak about my intent to  
I will frankly tell you the reason - There is a person in England not unknown to you  
who would be alarmed by the personal papers which she would imagine I should  
own - There are in reality no papers - but I don't mean to ~~write~~ <sup>write</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> I am  
embarrassed from London or arrived at Algiers

Paris - 14<sup>th</sup> Aug: 1836 -

My dear John.

In this letter, though I trust it will be pleasant to you in  
the main carries the little drawback with it of asking you a certain favour  
I believe it will be better at once to deliver myself of its worst part &  
to tell you - that circumstances induce me to ask you for the loan of £25  
for the space of two months - I am aware of the constant demand for money  
which your business presses upon you - I am aware also that the promises of for-  
-eigners are too often as little to be depended upon as those of lovers - but you  
know me I trust to be trust worthy & I assure you that in the month of  
November you are as morally certain as possible of the loan which I pro-  
-pose being repaid to you - Things have been settled to my satisfaction  
about my Scotch property & lobster assures me that I shall always have  
my remittances regularly at or nearly about what Sunday & Martineau  
now £75 would be due to me the middle of Nov<sup>r</sup> - all that I wish to  
anticipate is a portion of that sum - I think lobster will not object  
to advance me £25 & I have plucked up courage after a little reluctance  
to ask the favour of you to advance me as much more - so that I may  
be enabled to proceed to the South of Europe with a sum that will  
serve me though it will still require strict economy to do so - before  
November is well begun I hope to be in Algiers - I shall get good  
introductions to that quarter & I hope to make a good book of  
my travels - ~~as~~ you may easily imagine however that

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My old treaty copy I wish I had you with me -  
A drop to me Chez Madame Fleury Rue Neuve St Augustin Paris  
If you can send me what I want - a bankers bill I think would be the  
best way of sending it - Give my best regards to Mrs Richardson &  
believe my dear John your ancient & true friend

J. Campbell



I don't like to quit Paris without ascertaining that my means will be competent to the end - November - if you should find it convenient to accommodate me will not be more than half boot - when the order which I shall send you on George Trevelyan will be equal pretty nearly in value to a bank note - & the debt will be discharged - Believe me my dear John - for all the pleasure which I promise myself in the journey I want not near the pain of any such thing as the probable rigue of your leaving me this pleasant - There is no chance of such an event -

Well I have seen Paris after an absence of 20 years - It is changed I think for the better - There are many new & fine edifices - & things are cheaper than they were 20 years ago - The cost of living is certainly not more than one half of what it is now in London - I mean even in Hotels & Lodgings -

It pleased me to see the Louvre swept - in sober ear - & Justice perhaps I was wrong - but was me to see the Apollo displaced by a huge ugly Minerva & the Venus eloped - & the Transfiguration & countless other charming things - It is reason as you will - it was a melancholy sight to me -

I saw the King Men the Chambers & heard him deliver a most adroit speech - with excellent elocution - It was a rare speech - for it humbled you in hearing it to believe that it contained something & yet when you opened it next day in the Journals - it contained nothing

It was like a coin which the juggler puts into your hand & bids you hold it fast - Then ~~he~~ - brain - puff - presto - begone & when you open your hand the devil a coin is there - I saw how Majesty it was pretty near to him at the Anniversary of the Revolution -

I was to day at the distribution of the prizes in the chabellion for the year - I met with a tremendous blue French Angou - ~~Star~~ scandle as an author of some celebrity & a highland Lady a slip here a pleasing looking elderly woman - we were too late & had no tickets - Mad. Angou a woman not to be refused demanded tickets - she said she had brought with her 'la princesse poite' 'Angou' & would insist on admission - They sent us out tickets - Angou had to mount & stand on some benches - The blue giants left us in a rage - 'Ala fin' she said - they shall give us a better place - Poor Miss Angou was in consternation - This woman or high seed will make a row & refuse us both - we fed in - In another chamber we heard her fulminating to the President - 'How I regret the port of England to be in better than it to be placed on a bench at the feet of your hall - My God said Miss Rose this is terrible - All eyes were meanwhile fixed upon us & my youthful cheeks were covered with blushes - But faith our Angou knew better - So in our door was opened - I was admitted to a seat on the platform with the President - I sat on his right the nearest of the spectators - One of the Distributors deaf & dumb himself wrote me a hurried note on the crown of his hat to say that he knew my brother & was - but I cannot transcribe his compliments - He made signs with his fingers to all the deaf & dumb about him & I heard me that he had been describing the harmony of my verses - I was much delighted & even deeply touched with the performances of the pupils - They answered questions in writing & performed pantomime most wonderfully -

If I receive but £50 from England I shall proceed to Algeria at the end of Oct I shall be in Paris till the middle of Sept - the interval I shall spend in the South of France - I am particularly anxious to get to Algeria for several very amiable Frenchmen have told me that nothing is more wanted than a faithful & honest side & on the opposite side they are blackened & exaggerated - My curiosity to see the country & clear all points of description - I dream about it every night -