

CHALMERS, ALEXANDER, F.S.A., an eminent biographical and miscellaneous writer, born at Aberdeen 1759. At an early age he removed to London where he entered upon an active literary career, which was only terminated by his death on 10 Dec., 1834. The list of his works is too long for insertion here. Among them were editions of The British Essayists, 45 vols.; of Shakspeare, Fielding's works, Dr. Johnson's works, Boswell's 'Life of Johnson,' Gibbon's 'Decline and Fall,' Bolingbroke's works, the Works of the English Poets, 21 vols., and 'The General Biographical Dictionary,' 32 vols. 8vo., London, 1812-17. The latter work, which taken altogether, is the best biographical dictionary in the English language, has been constantly referred to by the compiler of these pages.

Dear Sir

I am puzzled to know what to do - Your list I shall attend to as soon as possible - but dining with you or any one is quite out of question. I shall be obliged even to decline a Club dinner, unless it had been in town - My time this month is particularly valuable, as, among other matters, I must prepare to go to Oxford in the beginning of July - But this I think I can do. I can call upon you on Tuesday about one o'clock, & shall then have an hour at your service. Should that be inconvenient for you, you will, I hope, let me know.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours truly

Alex^r Chalmer

Saturday Morning
June 10 - 9.

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To Mr. Davis

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