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Letter*

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*Mr. James Dawson  
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Mill-Brook River John 18<sup>th</sup> June 1839.  
Mr. James Dawson

Dear Sir

I received your Letter last evening on the Reading of which I was more than a little surprised - as I had never Borrowed a Scale nor Instruments of any Description - nor any article or articles of any kind whatever from the late Mr. Wm. Taylor - you have not mentioned what kind of Scale & Instruments they are which you want - but if you mean, as is most natural to suppose from the way you mention them, either a Gunter's, or Plane, Scale & Mathematical Instruments - I think that He had no such Instruments - as I never heard himself - nor any other Person or Persons whomsoever mention His having them; I had however in my possession Four or Five different times a kind of Pocket Organ which I cleaned and repaired Three or Four times for Him and once for Mrs. Henry who had injured it and paid me 2/6 for repairing it for her - but from Him I never received any thing for my trouble though frequently Promised - I might therefore with propriety & Justice bring an Account of 10/- at least against him or you as his Administrator - I had also in my custody for some time another Musical Instrument called an Accordion which he brought to me for the same purpose as the above or former mentioned - this he afterwards called for and gave in a present, as he said, to George Langill Ja<sup>s</sup> Son who, along with some others, was with him at the time - and who finally took it away unrepaired - Also He brought here, & left for about a week, a few Books of a 12<sup>mo</sup> size wrapped up in a handkerchief - and a small Black Box of paints - The only article in my possession belonging, or which did belong to Him is a small Book titled 'The Beauties of Lord Byron' &c. which he left with me more than eight months ago - recommending it to me and requesting of me to read it &c. the which I never yet did or not above a leaf or two at most - at the same time time He Borrowed from me a Copy of Scott's Pocket Dictionary, bearing besides other marks, the name of Mr. William Milne, some time School Master at Grange, - also a few weeks previous he Borrowed from me a Copy of Chalmers's Works, <sup>in 8<sup>vo</sup></sup> which I purchased from Mr. William Blair - neither of which I have received as yet - the Dictionary I believe I can get at any time from Mr. Matthew Langill, who from the marks on it is well convinced that it belongs to me - though the Deceased as he (Mr. L.) says, loaned it to him as his own - The other Book though loaned in a similar manner, as I understand, is now or was, at the time of his Decease, in James Joudary's - On the 27<sup>th</sup> May being the Monday after his Decease - I went to Mr. Joudary's to get it or at least to give Notice that it belonged to me taking Byron, already mentioned along with me - but as Mr. Joudary was at Pitou at the time I neither received the one nor delivered the other as yet.



Now Sir the foregoing is a statement of facts which can be proved  
to the satisfaction of <sup>any</sup> reasonable Man. if farther Proof be required or thought  
necessary - and if so I trust you will let me know with first opportunity -  
I trust also that you will be careful to return me my Copy of Chalmers  
Works. and not to sell or otherwise dispose of it - If otherwise I shall  
look to you for Damages.

I remain Dear Sir

yours Truly -

John Gault

Mr. James Dawson



P.S. I should like to know your informant.

J.G.