

Dear Margaret

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I wrote the enclosed letter, intending to send it in the middle of April, but no packet having sailed from Halifax at that time, I send it now.

You will perhaps be surprised at the contemplated change of pursuits mentioned in my letter, and perhaps would some of my friends here, if informed of it. They would think it foolish to abandon the pursuit of wealth, for a calling usually connected with comparative poverty. This however is not with me a very important consideration, when compared with the prospect of greater happiness & usefulness. As the matter however is not one positively decided, but rather only a subject of thought, I should like you to tell me what you think of it.

I almost envy you your visit to London. I should be disposed to view that city as a huge collection of almost everything interesting or curious in man or his works; and should be disposed to anticipate much pleasure from its study. If I ever revisit Britain, I think I shall devote more time than before to its celebrated and interesting places; and shall be better able to appreciate their beauties, and historical associations. But then that if it raises up a whole host of uncertainties - When shall I or shall I ever see old Scotland again - and have the pleasure of again seeing, and thanking for kindness, which appears greater the more I think of it, my many kind and dear friends, and you (you must not blame me for saying so) the dearest of them all. I surely shall, if life and health and the duties I owe here, will permit me.

Y^r M^d
P.S. My father and mother send their kindest wishes to you all