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Pre-stamp letter from Johnston Hannay of Ardwall to Charles Steuart W.S. in Edinburgh. Written 13th November 1796. Postage cost was 5d.

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Dear Sir,

I wrote to you on the 8th inst and have not since heard from you. I hope Mr McNought was able to preserve the Ruscoe plan from the wet, though the weather was not favourable for him. Mr Smith found Mr Lock's acknowledgement of the receipt of the remittance of £125 on account of Clauchred rents, among his papers here and will send it to you, I suppose properly authenticated before a Justice of Peace, tomorrow or next day from Kirkcudbright. I have not yet replied to Mr Streets curt letter and am wishing to hear from you before I do so, indeed writing is not an easy matter for me at present as the rheumatism continues particularly troublesome in my right shoulder & arm, though it has otherwise abated a good deal. I am to have a person to survey & value the Ruscoe Woods this week & in the course of the next hope to be in Edinburgh. I mentioned to you some time ago that I should have occasion for aid from a person conversant in accounts when I got to Edinburgh and begged of you to be on the look out for me. Pray is there any one in your eyes you think will answer my purpose ?

I shall be glad to here from you & am always dear sir, Yours Johnston Hannay Ardwall, 13th Nov 1796.

