

Gatehouse Postal History

1802 – 14th October

William Hannay, Kirkdale to Charles Steuart, Edinburgh

Postal charge was 7d.

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Entire opened out



Receiving stamp of
Edinburgh 16th Oct.

Heritdale 14th Oct. 1802

Dear Sir

Your kind favour of the 3rd Curr. has been rather late in making a reply to, owing to my making a trial for a loan here for settling the balance of M^r Kie's debt but have not been successful, as I was not in ability to make the necessary inquest from my late indisposition and I am sorry to say that I am very much threatened with a relaps of the complaint, but flatter myself it will go off by care & proper management.

The deed you sent was executed according to direction attested by no less than three witnesses which I never remember to have seen before nor did I conceive to be necessary, and my Brother sets out in a day or two for London in order to be prepared for the demand, but when in the remainder of the money to be found, It occurred to me that M^r Cullwick of Airdwell, upon a proper application, would never scruple to allow so much of the £3000 to be substituted for my present accommodation, Indeed I rather think it is the province of Torr's Trustees to grant the obligation, and I dare say they will have no objection to the measure, as you are sensible that my proposition of that sum, will far exceed the sum wanted to pay M^r Kie, and the moneys are both payable on the same day, therefore can see no reason why matters should not be settled in this way, which would save the expence of an Heritable bond. And upon your representing my situation to the other Trustees I have not a doubt of their

Concurrence

Concurrence, but should I fail in this plan, the money must
be found some where and I trust you can do the business, if I
should fail, I dare say Mr Kie would have no objection to
let it lay for twelve months upon a Bill, but I don't wish to
be under any obligation to him if I can make a better of it.
I do not know what the expense of his Investment amounts
to, but he owes me about twenty Guineas for Bricke and Out
Meal which should certainly be more than discharge that etc
and if the business can be got done in the other way, it would
be far more pleasing to me, and at present I can see no manner
of difficulty in the Transaction. Yesterday Morning I had
a letter from Mr Kie dated the 22th from Birbeck. Saying that he
had met with Grierson there, who told him that you had
had a conversation with him respecting a continuance of the
loan upon an heritable Bond, and that you would bind your
self to see the Int^{ly} regularly paid, This treaty you know is at
an end, and I can observe that he aims at getting a W^o C^o of the
Int^{ly} you charge him, down, which I shall never agree to, but
he appears to make a point of should I require the accommodation
in any degree. He is a damned scoundrel - I have not had time to
make out a note of the alterations I mean or wish to make
in my settlement, but the moment my Brother sets his
face to the South, I will most speedily be laboring
forward all to you, believe me I feel very much gratified
by the particular attention & anxiety you have all along
discovered for the execution of so necessary a duty & for which I
return you my most grateful thanks - All here give you Joy
on the addition to your family and are happy at the hopeful
situation of both Mother & Child - I am Dr Sir Yours ever truly
William Hanna.