

# Gatehouse Postal History

1815 – 13<sup>th</sup> December

John Smith to William Gordon  
at Kirkcudbright then London

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William Gordon Esquire  
of Conchilton

Sir,

Your letter by Mr Gray should have been answered sooner, but I wished to have some other information respecting the piece of Road you claim. From enquiry I have learned, that the road from Kirkcudbright to Gatehouse upwards of 30 years ago run in a crooked direction through the back yard of Conchilton and was altered and laid off in a straight line along the March of Drumore Conchilton & Parkharrow cutting part of the New Road off Drumore and the other part, towards Gatehill planting off the back yard. That Drumore received no compensation but Conchilton received the whole of the old road and enclosed it in with the said back yard by building the March dyke along the New line of road and completely enclosed the piece of road in question and which has since been occupied by the public until lately that an improvement was

was made upon the road to Galesville by making the Access to the Great Road easier and level. - This required a Road to be cut through the extreme breadth of a point of land separating from Barharrow when the Great Road was made, and which had lain uninclosed, and which I caused to be done with the Concurrence and Approbation of Mr. Stewart,

I did not think any other person was interested and we did not think it was a Matter of such Value or Consequence as made it necessary to make any application to the Commissioners for Authority to asume possession of the piece of old Road. The piece of New ground given for the New Road was of greater value than the piece of old Road to be received in lieu of it and presuming the Right thereto to Accrue to Barharrow I caused the enclosure to be made. Had Mr. Sproat stated any objection on your part the old Road should have been left as it was and the point of Barharrow would have been inclosed and not intersected. From these Circumstances I would hope you will not insist further in your Claim for I am sorry that any question should arise about  
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So small a subject and that acting for a Minor State not  
feeling myself authorized to enter into your views of planting

I am with much respect

Sr

Your most obed. Servant  
John Smith.