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John Murray

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From the
Murray's
14 Sept. 1792
P.L. at Perthmouth
next day

On the morning of yesterday on my calling
I was surprized & indeed sorry to find You had gone
before I had the pleasure of bidding You farewell, for I
knew not that You intended going before this day or to
morrow. The day before rained so, all the forenoon
that the vain hopes I entertained of its ^{being} fair made me
wait, a little after noon the attorney I employed
at the time I was so falsely arrested & on whom I had
called & left the arrears of the villain at whose ~~instance~~ ^{instance} I was
arrested sent for me on that business this was the cause of my
being detained that day, which had I known ~~that~~ ^{of} Your
departure departing so soon, I certainly would have been
stopt by no weather or attorney.

I went & procured six silvered 10 by 8
Dutch plates ordered, & even paid the man for six unsilvered
plates, but at the time his shopman was not there,
& himself had no diamond to cut them into the
desired pieces, there I sent for a Quire of blotting
paper to pack ^{them} in, & preserve those ~~silvered~~ silvered,
& what I had got & left to pack up, I mean the pieces
that I had ordered, the next morning, that I called
for them the Master was not at home & it woud
appear had forgot to give the necessary orders
however I laid out of the last money I had
& procured four pieces which I
took to Long Lodgings, I shall
if not to late which I have ~~every~~ every
reason to fear, make the glassman refund
the money. & as every ^{thing} is gone, I do not think it
woud be worth sending them as there woud be a
boy necessary to pack them up in besides the expense
of postage or carriage, and though You may pay
1/6 for each plate at Portsmouth, yet You will be
a savor, by having no box or carriage to pay for
You may find them at any Undertakers or a Capital
Cabinet makers by asking for 10 by 8 unsilvered Dutch plates

Dutch plates. I pay 16 pence for them in London.
 Your Nephew told me to write & call for him, to
 day with a letter for You. I gave the drawing
 with the dimensions of Storer's delineators
 You was so obliging as to lend me

The delineator You had of me I valued at
 six guineas. It cost within a few Shillings of the
 sum, and, even then, I am no gainer for in getting
 a more perfect lens for it (which was absolutely
 necessary) it cost me 19 Shillings more than the
 delineator then only £ 15. 6

Castboard case ~~of~~ pastboards
 at 2 1/2 each board £ 1. 5 1/2
 The book binder for the marbled paper his
 trouble & charge for the Turner 2/10 £ 3. 10
 glue, brush, & Pot which I bought for the purpose £ 1. 1
 The cabinet maker charged me for the
 mahogany for the Turner to work £ 2. 0

I here mention nothing for self trouble £ 3. 10 1/2
 I bought 6 Dutch silver plates at 20 each £ 10. 0
 hire of blotting paper to wrap them in £ 6
 a bottle of marking ink £ 1. 6
 Four slips of cut glass £ 2. 0

This is the amount of the £ 1. 9
 of the things I bought. I
 cannot remember every ^{little} ~~single~~
 expence I might be at. but I
 had from You first one guinea
 & at two other times half a guinea
 to purchase the glass & lastly a guinea so
 that I had in all three guineas.

The glassman has 8/6
 for the unsilvered plates in his hand, I know not whether he
 has out the plates. if he has I must take them, & I am almost
 sure he has from the strict orders I left when last there. But
 this as You will not get them. I have not added to the rest.

I am seriously wishing You a happy pleasant &
 prosperous voyage, & all the success You can flatter
 with ^{your} wish. I was going along with You for I
 have no hope of the least friendship from my Sister or

Sister or Brother but left to get a living as I best can
You may send me what You please for tho' I have
made out the account in a rough & hasty manner,
leave ^{it} intirely to Your own generosity

Dear Sir believe ^{me} write most sincerely Your
well wisher & very humble friend

John Murray

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I am at ^{paid for} just 40/- I mean the Case of the Sedition
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