

M. Volney  
9 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1812

Dr Dinwiddie  
8 Westmore Street  
Cavendish Square



My Dear Sir  
I trust to your goodness, to excuse  
my not sending, an answer to your enquiries,  
early this morning, the truth is, I have been  
busily employed, till this moment, assisting  
my sister, to make a Ball Dress, you will  
allow, that is of great importance, to a lady, and  
on no account, whatever to be put aside, The  
Gentleman's Name was William, Mr. Dickson  
informs us, you are rather better, than you  
were last week, we were much disappointed,  
at being deprived, of the pleasure of your company  
particularly, as the ill state of your Health, was  
the cause, I trust, the return of the fine weather,  
will restore your health and spirits, and then

I certainly, will thank you, for sending me, such a  
shabby short letter, by way of a new year's gift -  
you will do well, to repair your fault and send  
a long one next time, you will perhaps say  
I had done well, to have followed your example  
and not troubled you, with my nonsense, I do not  
wish you to think I bear malice, or begin the  
year with a spirit of revenge, in my mind, My  
Mother Father, and Sister, request me to offer  
their united good wishes, for your health and  
happiness - with all my faults, my Dear  
Sir, I am yours most  
Respectfully M Dobie

Thursday Evening  
Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1842

Mary Dohie

3 Feb. 1812

Dr. Donaldson  
8 Mortimer Street  
Cavendish Square



My Dear Sir

Many thanks, for your kind  
caution, which we received, by your friend, Mr Lowan  
this morning, I must go Mr L. the justice, to say  
he kept the promise, he made you, not to mention  
the subject, you wished to see my Father on, tell I  
requested he would tell me, if any thing particular  
had happened, I really was alarmed by his manner, that  
you were ill, indeed I did not know what to think, for  
when I told Mr L. I knew my Father had an engage-  
ment for this evening, of great importance, he said if Miss  
D's absence, fell, it would answer as well, my sister is  
on a visit, to a sick friend, I asked him, if he thought  
you would accept of as a substitute, Mr Lowan had too  
much politeness to mortify my vanity, by saying no,

by some chance he mentioned, the Name of Dickson,  
I immediately suspected, it was on his account you  
were anxious to see us, I urged Mr. [unclear] to tell me if that  
was not the case, as we had entertained strong suspicions  
for the last fortnight, that he is not in reality, what he  
would wish to appear, he has applied to my Father, within  
that time for Money, fortunately my Father could not  
accommodate him at the time, and when we were acquaint<sup>-ed</sup>  
with his request, we would by no Means allow him to comply  
it would not be justifiable in us, to lend to a Stranger  
when we find it, so difficult to answer our lawful debts.  
My Father, will do himself of calling on you the first  
evening he is disengaged. I am happy to hear such a  
favorable account of your health, we hope to see you  
soon in Wilson Street, My Mother, Father, and Sister  
Present their Respectful regards

Monday Morning  
Feb 3 1812

Believe me my Dear Sir your  
ever grateful & obliged M. Dobie

May Dickie

24 April 1812

Dr Amiddie

No 8 Mortimer Street

Leicester Square

My dear Sir

I have reproached myself, ever since you left us, that I had not requested you, to let us know, how you got through, the fatigues of the Day, after having passed so bad a Night, more particularly as you accuse me with being the cause, by my ill contrived plan, this charge lays so heavy on my mind, that I shall be quite uneasy, till I hear that you have received no injury, by your kind compliance to our wishes, be assured, if my wishes, for your health and happiness, could be realized, you would have no cause to complain of either, I have too lively an interest, in your welfare, to be indifferent to any thing that may contribute to your ease or comfort, My sister, and I,

were at the Museum on Wednesday with M<sup>r</sup> C  
we were much amused, at present we are diverting  
ourselves with making, fine Bonnets and Goggles  
for the Spring, when it comes, just now we have  
a violent shower of hail, you will think it has had  
some influence, on my brain to treat you with  
such nonsense, therefore I will conclude, my  
Father, Mother, and Sister, request you to accept  
their kind remembrances ~~to you~~. Believe me  
your ever grateful M. Dobie

Friday Morning  
Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 1812

May Dohi  
30 April 1812

Dr Donswick  
8 Marlborough Street  
Camden Square



April 30<sup>th</sup> 1812

My dear Sir

I know it will give you pleasure, to hear my dear sister, has this day made an engagement, as Governor, to the Daughters, of the Revd Dr. Nicholas, of Ealing he has more liberality of sentiment, and Christian Charity. than Major Wade, my sister has stated the whole of that affair, and shown him the letters, that passed between the Major, and her of the Dr. is perfectly satisfied, and willingly allows that a Presbyterian, has an equal chance, with an Episcopalian, of going to Heaven, — my sister requested, I would write and apologise to you for the liberty she has taken, in giving Dr. N. your address, as a friend of my Father's

it is uncertain if he will call, as she has been  
so strongly recommended, we imagine he will  
think it unnecessary, to make any other enquiries  
the terms are the same, she made with Major W  
My sister would have done herself, the honour to  
have written, if she had not been engaged to the  
Opera, D<sup>r</sup> N<sup>r</sup> did not leave us till five o'clock  
I am happy to hear, you have recovered the fatigues  
of your City expedition, I trust the change in  
the weather has had a happy influence on your  
health and spirits, if the weather continues mild,  
I hope we shall have the pleasure to see you  
in Wilson Street soon, otherwise my sister and I  
will take you by surprise, the Family writes  
in kind regards to you, Dear Sir

I remain Yours Most Resp<sup>fully</sup>

Mary Dobie



Mary Dohie

20 May 1812

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Dr Dinwiddie

8 Mortimer Street

Leicester Square



My Dear Sir

By this you have received  
the wine, when you have tasted it, I expect  
you to pass sentence. I much wished to have  
sent it on Saturday, but it was too heavy, for a  
Post, to carry so far, and the cart did not go,  
to your part till to day. To do the wine  
justice, you should let it stand at least 24 hours  
as the Motion will disturb it, and give you an  
unfavourable opinion of my abilities in the wine  
making way. you will perceive, I am equally  
anxious, to recommend myself, and the wine,  
at the same time, although, I suspect, if  
your gallantry would allow you, to speak the  
truth, that the wine would gain the preference

I have taken the liberty to enclose a letter  
for Mr Lowan

I remain dear Sir Yours most  
Respectfully Mary Dobie

Wednesday Evening  
May 20 1812

	L s d
account delivered	5.13.10
additional sugar	" 5.0
exchange of bottles corkis and Posters	5.6
	<hr/> 15.5.0
Received	5.16.6
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May Dohie  
22 May 1812

Dr Dimwiddie  
8 Mathews Street  
Cavendish Square



My Dear Sir

I am truly mortified, about the wine, you ought to have received 3 Dozen and two Bottles, I sent a slip of paper, that 3 Do and two Bottles were to be returned, in case you should be from home, when they delivered it I have seen, the Man who packed it, and the Porter who delivered it, to Mrs Penney, he says he gave the paper, to Mrs P. and that a young Man, assisted him down with it like a letter - out of that he put it into the Back Kitchen and that the Pickle was full and tight sealed when he left it, Now my dear Sir these Men, have been in Mrs Millers service from three to five Years, I should hope they would

not be dishonest, will you have the goodness  
to enquire about it, when you write, tell me if  
you saw the hamper, before it was opened, as  
it was nearly full, I assure you we are all,  
very much vexed, that this disagreeable Circumstance  
has happened, the Man likewise said, he would  
willing have taken the Bottles with him, but  
they could not give them to him, they did not  
know any thing about them, My Father has  
just seen Mr Jones, who says he will answer for  
the honesty of the Men, dont forget to enquire  
for the paper, with the direction and number  
of Bottles to be returned, I am My dear Sir yours  
Respectfully, Mary Dobie

I shall be all impatience till I hear from  
you Thursday 5 o'clock afternoon



Mary Dohi  
11 June 1812



To  
Dr Dimwiddie  
8 Marlborough Street  
Lancashire Square

Dr Dohi  
23 - Duke St  
of the Mr Chapin

My Dear Sir

Many thanks, for your kind note, which I received this morning, my sister will have the pleasure, to thank you when next you meet, and unless you favour us with your company tomorrow, when I am better acquainted with Dr Nicholas, I shall quarrel with him, for being the cause of our disappointment to day, I have enclosed the wine account, I did not your displeasure too much, to risk the incuring it, by a further delay. Frances and I have been ill with violent Colds all the week, mine has affected my sight, in a terrible manner. we shall expect you to dinner, tomorrow, we will not admit

of any excuse, I am anxious to hear your opinion  
of Dr N.

My dear Sir

I am your ever grateful

Mary Dobie

Thursday 4 o'clock June 11<sup>th</sup> 1812

Account delivered

Cooks do

Posters

Received

Due

£ 5 2
6 4 8
0 5 0
0 1 0
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5 16 6
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May Dohi  
13 June 1812

Dr Dinwiddie  
8 Moorhouse Street  
Cavendish Square



Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1812

My Dear Sir

Dr Nicholas has appointed the carriage, to call for my sister, at your house on Monday evening at 7 o'clock. we shall do ourselves the pleasure of taking tea with you, now as you have timely notice, we shall expect the best tea equipage, to be in readiness on this occasion, I charge you to dismiss your coach, and set yourself off to the best advantage, as I think it more than likely, you may have the pleasure of seeing one of Dr N's Daughters, who will be in Town, on Monday and return with to Ealing with Frances, I hope you will entertain a proper sense of my generosity of disposition, in giving you this piece of information, but remember

you are only to admire the lady, as a fine girl,  
or Woman, which ever she may be, I will not allow  
you to think too much about her, a few compliments  
or so. for the rest I —

My Father requests me to interest you  
for his young friend, M<sup>r</sup> J. Hamilton who is in the  
West India Dock House, your friend M<sup>r</sup> Hare is  
the Superior, in the office, to which he belongs, the  
income arising from his situation, is insufficient to  
maintain him respectably, without applying to some  
other business, M<sup>r</sup> Hare is so extremely strict, and  
withall, so vigilant that M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton finds the  
utmost difficulty, to keep all things fair in the  
office, considering M<sup>r</sup> Hare is a Towns-man, I think  
it a little severe, that he should be so very hard,  
more particularly, as M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton, is so deserving  
a young Man, I should hope he would find a pleasure

in assisting any young Man, who is willing to  
rise in the world, by an honest industry, he  
only wishes, M<sup>r</sup> Hare to be blind sometimes  
you will say, a very charitable wish truly,  
you will understand what I mean, a word  
from M<sup>r</sup> Hare, would bring the young  
Man through any thing, Now my Dear Sir  
if you can contrive to interest your friend  
in his favour, my Father will consider  
much indebted to you, I would endeavour  
to apologise to you for trespassing so long on  
your time, if I did feel assured, that your  
benevolent heart, is truly gratified, when you have  
opportunity, to encourage, and reward merit,  
wherever you meet with it —

My Dear Sir, I am at all times  
yours Most Respectfully  
Mary Dobie



Mary Doherty  
6 July 1812

No  
Dr Dinwiddie

8. Morning Street

Capetown Square

July 6<sup>th</sup> 1812

My Dear Sir

I have deferred writing, so long, that I am quite ashamed of myself, on this, as on former occasions, I must trust to your goodness to accept my excuses. I did not receive a letter from Frances, till the 30<sup>th</sup> of last Month Dr Nicholas left Calcutta, <sup>on</sup> the 24<sup>th</sup> he will not return till the beginning of August, My Dear Frances, says as far as she can judge on so short an acquaintance, Miss Nicholas appears very amiable, she is very kind and attentive to my sister, for the rest, they are very unaccountable in their manners and very refractory in their dispositions, another the little girl we saw, she says is the flower of the family, and a very clever

Chite, she has much to combat, but trusts time, <sup>the</sup> patience, and perseverance, will overcome the difficulties that are so conspicuous at present, she requests to be kindly remembered to you, your our visit to Lasing, must be deferred at present, but we will talk on that subject when we meet, what have you been doing with yourself, my dear Sir, you do not keep your promises, you said you would dine with us in the course of the week, that I have left town, that is three weeks to day, how will you answer this charge? I should have written and reproached you before this, if we had not been in such a state of confusion, we have had, and still have, the work-men in the House, painting, whitewashing &c. the whole of last week we had no place to sit in except the <sup>then</sup> kitchen, and that, in a very poor, uncomfortable situation at present we are better, shall we see you this

week? you will, I am sure excuse being seated in the kitchen, we will give you, as warm a reception there as in any other part of the House, by this time, I suppose you have finally arranged your affairs for your intended journey to Scotland, My Father and Mother desire their kind regards

I am My dear Sir with  
the most Respectful Esteem  
Ever yours Mary Dobson

Mary Doherty

27 July 1812

Dr D'Israeli

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July 27<sup>th</sup> 1812

My Dear Sir

I have just sent a letter off  
express, to Ealing, to inform my sister, and  
Dr Nicholas, we intend to do ourselves, the  
pleasure of spending the day, with them  
on Wednesday, with regard to the weather,  
I would not allow, Dr Nicholas, for a moment  
to think you, a Man, of so little gallantry  
as to mind being wet to the skin, when  
you had an appointment, with a Lady.  
It will be unnecessary, to tell you my, Dear  
Sir to be careful, to adorn your person, with  
particular care, when you visit so many, fine  
Girls, for the first time, the Coach leaves

St Pauls at half past ten, it will at the  
white horse, about eleven, I will take a Plea  
for you, you shall not have any thing to  
trouble you, that I can prevent, in <sup>that</sup> expectation  
of seeing you, in good health, and better spirits

I remain my dear Sir your  
ever grateful and affectionate  
Mary Dobie