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Dear Sir

I take the opportunity of our friend and Acquaintance Mr. Simon M. Kenzie his business is to get six thousand pounds his wifes fortune & wish it were ten times as much, very few people do well however a fortune you need not take any notice of this to him, He was of great service about the small Farm that your sister has got - I wrote you on ~~the~~ subject what I had to say, your sister was here the other day I told her not to be afraid about the Farm as I was certain you would give her some help when it was necessary, and notwithstanding the dear rent, with her inclination it will do I think, Willm. Perovine is anxious to hear from you about his coming up, I told you my sentiments about him when I last wrote I shall expect a letter from you when Mr. M. Kenzie returns if it were never so short, I always am  
your dear Sir with sincere esteem & regard  
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ago as you was out in Town & found, I thought  
once of coming to Edin. when you was there, but  
was full of the expectations that you was to  
come this way. My wife sends in best Compts  
& I always am with sincerest wishes for your  
health & prosperity & in your  
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My Dear Sir  
The reason of my not writing you long  
at this time was that I could never give you any  
satisfactory account about your sister's small Farm  
Your sister has at last got a letter from Mr.  
McMurdock advising himself to give her a Tack for  
eighteen pounds a year, which is six pounds more  
than what she paid for it. A James Armstrong  
offered nineteen pounds for it, & said all to Mr. M.  
I would but what he said was very true that as  
the rent was offered he could not be reasonable  
to do it, I am afraid it is too high but if she  
can do any way with it I think she should  
not give it up, I sent her a two ten pound  
note which was so good as send her which  
you would be in favour of. Willie's situation has  
been with me just now he is in great spirits  
about the letter you write Mr. Colburn, I can only  
say he is one of the finest lads that ever I saw  
in my life & I should wish to see you as to  
your own

particulars of his life and get into a proper line  
he will do you great honor, he is modest and  
full of natural good breeding and as for quackery  
he is like Electricity itself I need say no more  
in his praise you will best judge when you  
are acquainted with him, when he has time to  
attend your Lectures you will find him an  
excellent assistant after a very short time.

As you were not like to answer the letter Mr.  
Blair wrote you, I wrote to Mr. Chapman to  
ask if he could find out a direction for you as  
Mr. C. was really very anxious about him but  
by good luck your answer would be for Mr. C.  
He wrote within a very week, answer. - I saw  
some old acquaintance Mr. Joseph Thompson a little  
while ago who told me he supposed by some information  
he had got that you was gone to ~~London~~ which  
I was not at all pleas'd at but they are more  
upon the study of dissection than he is on species  
then student lectures on Philosophy and with  
knows what they might have ~~learned~~ on their

heads when they found that you was not  
one of their own kind. - I guess my great pleasure  
to find that you have now got into the line you  
so much wish'd and which you are so well cal-  
for, and I sincerely wish you may meet with  
the end you desire. As the girls  
she is in good health and is taken good enough  
care of in a way perhaps not as you could wish  
she is with G. McNaught & who is fond of her  
John Anderson saw her this day and says she  
is looking very well, William is to give you  
every particular concerning her, if there is  
any thing at any time that I can do you

confide, ~~obtain~~, Anderson desires to be remembered  
to you he is still working with you and answers  
my purposes very well as he is a very good  
Tradesman. I shall expect to hear from  
you soon and expect to hear from you after  
I am not a great hand at the pen but shall  
always take care to answer yours after this  
long stop to I have made, I wonder if ever we  
are to see you here, I was much disappointed in not  
seeing you in London when I was up two years