

Dear Sir,

Dumfries, 6th March 1758

I know what a lazy correspondent you are, & have regulated myself accordingly. — The letters, you had my good wishes, would they have served you as much as those that you corresponded with. It is with heartfelt anguish I tell you, that poor Tennant is now on the last stage of his disorder, most likely ere this reach you, he will be no more. You know his virtues, & will feel for his loss, as much as I. — To you, it is needless to say more. I have often heard you say, that this rambling life was not to be permanent, that you would certainly settle in some snug place, where you could enjoy retirement, after the bustle of your travels. You also affirmed, that you would prefer Dumfries to any place you had ever seen, if the encouragement were nearly equal. — Now Sir I hope you will forgive my hinting, that you might do worse, than to return to your former birth. — This has occurred to a few

few of your friends here, who have your happiness sincerely
at heart, but we forbear hinting it to the public; till we
have your sentiments of the matter — I am convinced
the better part of the Town will receive you with open
arms: tho' I was less free as to tell you, that many com-
plain of neglect — This however will soon wear off. I
hope you will find the Public ready to afford
you every encouragement that their Circumstances
will admit — Last night I consulted poor Tennent
about writing you, upon the first hint he conceived me
not to love a sport, as he must soon be gone, I he
knew there would be many applications — He spoke
of this with an ease, that would have done honor to
the greatest of your ancient Philosophers — He assured
me that nothing could tend more to his happiness
in this world, than the knowledge of your returning
to your former charge, this both out of good wishes
to you & gratitude to the inhabitants of Dumfries,
to whom he considers himself under the most
weighty obligations — Never never was the fate

of any Young Man's deplord than that of Mr. Tennent
he was not more amiable in dispositions, than useful
in his Station amongst us —

I should you be determin'd to remain in Ire-
land, it will be necessary you give some directions
about the Stowage of your Books — The next in-
convenient may not be willing to want this space they
occupy —

The late Mr. Tennent had under his care
for you I believe his your nephew has been
very attentive & made considerable progress, but
now that they see Mr. T. has no prospect of your re-
turning, his Parents seem determin'd to take him
from the School altogether — Mr. T. desires
me to mention this & thinks it a pity, that the
boy should be lost, when he is got so far —

He also begg'd I would mention that a Brother
in law who you owe a little money, has been
long in ill health & unable to labour he means
to take a small Harrow, but till you remit him,
cannot venture upon any thing of the kind —

A certain young Lady under my care is
very well. She a fine Girl & will in spite of
all do honor to her Creator.

Determine as you may upon the
different matters I have wrote about. I
beg you may believe I have only your interest
at heart, in the communications of these circumstances

I have to request you may for once ans-
wer in course — I consider myself ill
did if you don't write immediately — with
Sincere good wishes for your happiness, I
Remain hearty but very truly,

Dear Sir,

Your most Obedt
William Kellock
Butterworth is doing great
things in Col. Georges to mention
that when he left us - the writing^g master's salary
was curtaild & your augmented. but I don't know
the exact sum