

William Brymer Esq London Dublin 24 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1785

Dear Sir

Since we did ourselves the pleasure of writing to you 1<sup>st</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> last, we received 5<sup>th</sup> Inst, your obliging favour of 5<sup>th</sup> August, and are glad to learn that your Cough wa<sup>s</sup> then much easier than usual, and hope it has continued so ever since. We have to thank you for advice of Mr Bridges accepting our Bill on him for the Expense of the Bizz Name of Peterson £ 458..10..2 and we doubt not he has accepted four

Three others Viz <sup>t</sup>	
20 <sup>th</sup> July - of the Syren - Harvey Midforth for	267.. 7.. 4
11 <sup>th</sup> August - of Lord Mungrove, William Boy	333.. 3.. 6
1 <sup>st</sup> Septem <sup>r</sup> - of Charlotte - William Wilson	132.. 0.. 7
Together Eleven hundred	

& Ninety one pounds 9/7 Sterling £ 1191.. 9.. 7  
In which Assurance we have taken the liberty to draw on you @ thirty days sight. Viz<sup>t</sup>

20 <sup>th</sup> July favour of Mr James Davidson for	£ 100..
25 <sup>th</sup> August - of Mr Mathew Macnider	50..
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct <sup>r</sup> - of d <sup>o</sup> - - - - d <sup>o</sup> N. 3	300..
- - - - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - d <sup>o</sup> - 4	50..
- - - - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - d <sup>o</sup> - 5	25..
24 <sup>th</sup> - - - - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - d <sup>o</sup> - 6	25..
- - - - - d <sup>o</sup> Lindsay & Macknider	7... 300..

Eight hundred & fifty pounds Sterling £ 850.. which we request your favour to honour, when they fall due, & to make our annual payments to our relations as usual. Viz<sup>t</sup>

To remit to Mr Johnston's Sister Marjory Macknider fifty pounds, To accept his father in Law Mr Mackniders Bill for £ 50.. - - - To remit to his Brother Joshua £ 50.. - - - ster<sup>l</sup> for acc<sup>t</sup> of his son, and to Captain William Halers also of Stromness £ 64..10..3 for some Debts recovered for him since



he left this. And to remit for acc<sup>t</sup>. of our Purps  
to his Brother in Law George Cumming Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Merchant in Lornes L<sup>o</sup> P<sup>o</sup>. — or give him leave  
to value on you for that Sum. We are sorry to  
trouble you in paying in so many petty Sums,  
but you will excuse us when you consider they  
are all for our Relations and friends. —

We hold ourselves much obliged to you for the  
early intelligence you give us of a Competitor  
in the Essence of Spruce at Merimichie,  
we are happy to tell you that we think they  
are not formidable Rivals. —

M<sup>r</sup>. Callender, has at last wrote to us, & assures  
us of Captain Wittkin's paying his note on his  
return from Jamaica, so that we are under  
very little doubts that that you, or Captain  
Boyd will receive payment. We begin to be  
a little more anxious about Colonel Jessop's,  
beg your good offices in keeping a sharp look  
out in that Quarter. We have the pleasure  
to tell you that we have since our last been  
all in good health, till a few days ago that  
M<sup>r</sup>. Johnston has got a little touch of his old  
Complaint a Rheumatism in his right thigh  
& leg occasioned as we suppose by an almost  
uninterrupted series of rainy weather for  
three weeks past, but we hope when dry  
hard weather sets in he will get the better  
of it. — James Irvine returned yesterday  
from Halifax, as he did not see any opening  
of making a living there, he left with your  
friends Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Bryson & Belcher 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. the  
Essence of Spruce he had remaining, and seven  
eight pounds Halifax Currency in Cash which  
they are to remit to you, as soon as they can  
get a Bill. We have nothing new to commu-  
-nicate; The politics of the day are above  
our



our comprehension; you Folks in power think  
nothing now of capsizing Lieut. Governors <sup>169</sup> &c. &c.  
at pleasure, our late Lieut. Governor Hamilton  
goes hom in the packet 5<sup>th</sup> prof. — Mrs Saylor  
kindly thanks you for your Care of the Boys.  
We think John is now of an age, turned of fifteen,  
that he should be sent Apprentice to some Trade  
or other, & after maturely considering of the  
affair, we can find none that has so great  
an affinity to the manufactory that the family  
must depend on for a living, as Chemistry, permit  
us to request your favour to procure such in-  
formation respecting the manner &c. that art  
is carried on in London, Edinburgh, or other parts  
in Great Britain. We suppose if equal advanta-  
-ges of Insight & practice was to be obtained by a  
Boy bred to the business in Scotland, it would  
be most advisable to send him thither, as the  
Apprentice fees are not so high there as in England,  
nor the time of Apprenticeship so long, Seven Years  
is a long time to become bound; when we think  
the principles of any Trade may be learned, & a  
great deal of practice had by a Lad of Genius in  
three or four. — Your Sentiments hereon as early  
as possible will oblige, who wishing you long  
life, & health to enjoy it, are truly

Dear Sir  
Your much obliged hble Serv<sup>ts</sup>