

XI/3/5

St Andrews 30th July 1810

My Dear Madam.

Your obliging favor of the 28th. I have this moment received. It would have given me much pleasure to see you on your route to Orkney, and to have personally assured you of my anxious wishes for your happiness, & for your safe return to your Family - but ailing as I have been for some days past with relaxation & Stomach complaints I have neither strength nor spirit for moving on any occasion - My friends in the West have been endeavouring by invitation & entreaty to decoy me from my Dear, but in vain, and I cannot, in the face of so many Letters, gratify myself by giving to others what I have refused to them. I am nevertheless in general, not worn in my health, & should the Bath fulfill the promise

it seems now making me, I have no doubt of seeing
you in Corkney before another year. an Expedition
to the great Light house on the Bell Rock, was planned
some days ago, and I am engaged on the Party - This
I must Escape, & cannot therefore indecently go there:
when. let me however assure with the frankness
& the truth of a Friend - that your Interests will be
ever near my heart - & that I trust your Prudence,
your firmness, your Patience & the satisfaction you
will find in the Bosom of your Children, will soften
into Tolerance such partial Evil as you may have
to Endure - The hat of Humanity is the general,
& no one is exempted from their trials - Believe me
the truth of this assertion, & never doubt the Friendship
or Regard of
Your Dear Medam

Yours most Faithfully

L. Gillespie

C. Lawrence

I rejoice in the good accounts of your Sailer

