

**Addressed to:** *(missing)*

**From:**

Edinburgh 24 ???

My dear Madam,

Your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> July I found on my arrival in Edinburgh, after long delay on the road.

I had, previously to leaving London, presented a memorial from your son. I xxxx to the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police. I shall follow it up by another petition for permistion as soon as I can hope it will be successful.

In the mean time I trust that your best endeavours will be employed in preventing your son from abandoning the business after he has passed through the ordeal(?).

I wrote to him enclosing your letter, and again since urging this point and I hope we shall shortly succeed in our object of preventing him.

I can only assure you that anything I can do I will, very cheerfully.

I am, dear Madam, faithfully yours

Thomas Balfour

If your son be at home again, pray remember me kindly to him.