

29 July 1783

Mr James Denevedice  
at the Angel Inn  
St Martins Lane  
LONDON

88 Capel Street 29 July 1783

Dear Sir

I hope this my second epistle  
will find you in good health. and ready to return  
hence where your presence is much wanted. I  
am sure you had engaged a vessel of Capt. M. Greger to  
to go upon the coast and left a power with the  
negroes to hire men, in consequence of which they  
engaged 16 men at 2/8<sup>th</sup> p. day and bought a great  
quantity of provisions &c. on Friday last your  
thensman Mr John came and told Mr Shortland that  
it was necessary the vessel, men and provisions  
should be paid as they were doing nothing and  
wished to have £20 for that purpose - she told  
him you never had mentioned any thing of it to  
me and I had provided no cash for that purpose  
went - he told me the same tale on Saturday even-  
ing - I could make no other reply than what  
he had before - I have no ready money by me  
just now, or no connections here of whom I  
can borrow. - This morning I heard the sailors  
had arrested the vessel for their wages which  
they say amounts to 9 Pounds. I advised Mr.  
John to go to Dr Gray and tell him the situation  
of this disagreeable affair. you will be obliged  
to pay damages for the stopping the vessel and  
a very long bill of law charges - unless your  
business is very pressing in England I hope you  
will make your stay there as short as possible  
this misfortune will make a great deal of noise  
and the sooner you show yourself here to stop  
the popular clamor so much better. you have  
no occasion to purchase any shot or powder if not  
already done - last Saturday I made 1/2 cures  
of us fine as ever was made and believe I can  
now make any quantity - I shall be obliged to you



for a few sheets of India paper either Red or  
or yellow — I had almost forgot to tell you  
I had a letter from Mr Playfair dated the 16 in  
which he tells me the Atmospheric was then sent  
off to Liverpool — but there is no news of its  
arrival — If you had any Idea of these people  
taking the vessel off your hands for the  
purpose of raising the wreck you certainly  
have been mistaken — they will have no business  
with either it or the Ship —  
Your friend Maggie desires her kind Compl<sup>ts</sup>  
& wishes much for your return — wishes haste &  
bids me to be in great haste

Dear Sir

Yours &c

D Henderson

Baron Harnelton has been here calling so often  
I am obliged to go to his house at Killybeggan  
next Wednesday — I shall stay there only one day

P.S. Mr Adair is just arriv'd & has brought with  
1/2 ounce fine Phosphorus — he desires his kind  
Compl<sup>ts</sup> to you — he also desires me to tell  
you he believes he will set out for Germany  
in a about a week hence — with Lord Rob<sup>t</sup>  
Fitzgerald — he thinks of going via Liverpool



Dear Sir.

Dublin 23 July 1789.

I am sorry it was not in my power to write any letters or even to call on you last Sunday before your departure I have been very much out of order ever since your left us but I have continued to attend at Mr Deane's daily — I found the evaporating large quantities of liquor tedious and uncertain in glass vessels by one of them breathing we lost the greater part of last weeks labours. I have now got common brown earthen wares dishes and find them safe & expeditious. I flatter myself to have the apparatus in readiness this week for another distillation and will be happy to have it in my power to give you a more favourable account than I did of the last. This morning Baron Stamilton paid me a visit & wanted me to go to his estate at Rathbriggan Saturday next but I have put him off till Wednesday in hopes of accomplishing the great work before that time. Our partner Maggy who desires her kindest Compl<sup>ts</sup> to you is very zealous in experimenting on the Tapers which are not yet so perfect as they ought to be. — Pray try to get a sight of Rogers Journal where they are described, and get samples of all the London malts makers beginning at Dalmahoy's Chimney on Ludgate-hill. I shall write this post to my very worthy friend Mr Pitt Shales (distiller) N<sup>o</sup> 86 Aldersgate Street and mention you to him. please call on him he will be able and willing to give you much information relating to Tapers Phosphorus &c. If you dont find him at home you may if you please call at Willis the Chemist in Wapping and see what sort of Phobosh he sells at S. B. Paines. — perhaps it would be prudent to endeavour to procure a few very good earthen

Mr J. Deane  
23 July 1789  
D. Deane  
D. Deane





Outlets. The Chemical Dictionary says the Phosphorus  
ones are not good for the purpose as the Phosphorus  
transpires thro' them. They have a German Chymist  
at Apothecaries Hall, it is probable he would tell  
you where the best are to be purchased. If you  
get any, let them be put into a flask and shipped on board  
one of the Dublin Vessels. They ought not to exceed 3 quarts  
measure if you can avoid it and but if they are only  
one quart I think they would answer better. I find if  
we are successful in this operation we may make  
phosphorus in very large quantities with great  
ease, as I have devised methods to make the  
Filtration & evaporation extremely easy.

I purpose next week to put you to the expense of  
a letter to Mr. Kerr in case you should have a  
family to come by Birmingham. Yesterday I met  
Mr. D. Melville in the street he told me he had just  
rec'd a letter from Mr. Watt informing him that  
Mrs. Boulton had been found drowned in a fish  
pond in the Garden. They say she had been seized  
with an apoplectic fit &c.

Our Friend Mr. Daniel desires his respects to you &  
begs you will buy for him the two following articles.  
1. An Essay on the usefulness of Chemistry and  
its application to the various purposes of life  
Translated from the original of Professor Burgman  
at Upsal. Printed for W. Murray at 32 Fleet Street  
2. A Table of affinites printed by J. A. Phillips  
George W. Please get also a copy of each of these  
for your humble servant. I hope you will be  
so obliging if your cash holds out properly to bring  
for your part of station stocking at 4 Tortoisers  
at Pair you may get them at Liverpool and save  
yourself the trouble of carriage. Pray ask at  
Dillys in the Poultry if the new edition of Astronomical  
mineralogy published you may get the same.

The Pamphlet on the subject of Clapping  
ing mineral substances by Foster  
The Patent case of Tools you mentioned  
to be sold in a Shop in Fleet Street very near  
Ball Court. I am desired by one of the  
company to tell you she buys with imba-  
hance for a sight of the Phosphorus - exported from  
London, but I have lost hopes of any from  
that quarter till you send it but am inflamed  
with expectation we shall be able to make it  
in course of a few experiments, in spite of foul  
or fair play I remain

Dear Sir

Yours truly  
J. Henderson

P.S. I have just heard the Divers were down on  
the wreck last Sunday and have formed great  
Hopes of what is to be done.



16 Aug. 1783

To the care of Mr Wright  
Cannon Street Manchester

Mr J. L. D. D. D.  
No 9 Cliftons Square  
Liverpool  
I can't see you

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Manchester  
J. L. D. D. D.

Dear Sir.

88 Chapel Street 16 Aug 1783

The difficulty of conveying letters to Liverpool, has prevented me from writing to you often. I am sorry it is not in my power to send you some agreeable news. The people here in general have got an idea that you have taken your leave of Dublin, this report I believe has originated with Mr U — however I know very little of what has been said or done, having seldom been farther from home than to Mr Deane since you left us. I made some very fine phosphorus and would have made 12 or 13 ounces more but from the difficulty of getting vessels to evaporate. Maggy is become an excellent match maker, they light readily and continue to burn in every possible position but very few of them have been sold, as they have never been advertised in the papers.

Yesterday Mr. T. Finley arrived here, I shall take care of him till I receive your instructions how to dispose of him. Last night Mr. Lynch called here to know how to direct for you he mentioned that you had got an air pump of his on trial some months ago, and that he wishes to have it back as it may probably prevent the sale of it, please send him an answer on this subject.

I shall be very glad to hear from you, and see you here as soon as possible. In the meantime I remain

Yours sincerely  
Lagan Henderson

Mth. continues to grow worse she is now at Ringsend trying the sea bathing



15 Oct. 1783

Dear Sir

I just arriv'd from Dublin &  
have only time to tell you Mr. Hiddeth is in  
great distress that he can not satisfy Mr. Hutchings  
about his work without paying him cash unless  
this is done, he will not get away your apparatus  
I have not time now to reply to your last Letter  
but hope to see you soon — I left Dublin  
yesterday Morning & came here in 22<sup>h</sup> hrs  
Miss H. is expect'd in about 10 Da  
I shall be glad to hear from you dis  
me at Mr. Geo. Drinkwaters Water  
Liverpool & remain

Liverpool

17<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1783.

Dear Sir

Yours  
L. H. H. H.



Mr Jas. Dinwiddie

Care of Dr Parson

Manchester



Dear Sir

25 Nov. 1784

I wrote to you at the time  
that Mr Leonard's sudden flight about two months  
ago, I flattered myself I should have had the pleasure  
of hearing from you ere now, and that you had had  
the good fortune to engage the attention of the publick  
in Ireland as much as he has done in England all the  
papers here have been full of his name. Mr Leonard  
has spent some of his apparatus, not forgetting his bag  
& case in the Park, and must have cleared about £5000  
they have sometimes had 3000 People there in one day  
at 4 each, 1/2 of which he recd and he went to the House  
the nights he gave Balls and Tea, they recd about £500  
each night, but from that considerable expense was to be  
deduced. his present exhibition closes this evening and  
his next flight is to be with Mr Millers. Some suppose  
at his Ballon like a Lark in the Claws of a Hawk  
Stawke and just as little to the purpose, but I doubt  
if it be possible to raise the bird, and man in  
which will amount to above £1000. Notwithstanding  
what Mr Stanchard says about his manœuvring  
with his wings, which are a poor imitation of  
Ducks feet, they do not seem to have any power to  
move his Ballon, when he set off from Chelsea it just  
went where the curr.<sup>ts</sup> of air happened to drive it.



Your friend Mr. Bond... I believe he thinks  
of paying his brother... to visit Matsummer  
he would be very glad if you would accompany him  
if you was not better engaged.

I have lately not done much business in the Malch  
way partly owing to the company being out of Town  
and partly to the business falling into more hands  
who sell bad Malches in the different Coffeehouses  
and bring them into disgrace. I have also a good  
deal of money owing for those I have sold. I wrote  
twice to Mr. Allen of Waterford to remind him of the  
few papers I sent him but have rec<sup>d</sup>. no answer. Mr.  
Craggs at Plymouth has also forgot me, as have  
several others. This being my situation I hope you  
will forgive the liberty I have <sup>taken</sup> in drawing on you  
for £10. 4. 10 Value is due in favour of Mr. Drane  
as the bill is at 30 Days sight I flatter myself you  
can make it convenient to pay it and believe that  
my drawing upon you is a work of necessity.

Maggie and his sister present their kind Compl<sup>ts</sup>  
to you and wish much to have the pleasure of  
seeing you here. You have also the best  
wishes of

Dear Sir

Your most Obed. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Sagan Henderson

Residing at New  
Bedford  
25 Nov 1784.



3 Dec. 1786

M<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie  
N<sup>o</sup> 4 Northumberland Court

Strand

Dear Sir.

Mr. Keir says he believes  
Mr. Lawson is now with Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Boulton & Watt at Soho near  
Birmingham.

Mr. Keir mentions that respects  
to you, & hopes when your time  
will allow you, we shall have  
the pleasure of seeing you here.

If you have not engaged a  
Chamber for Lecturing, I think  
it is possible to procure you  
the very identical Chamber whose  
Mr. Ferguson collected so much  
money. It now belongs to Mr.  
Whitler the apoth<sup>ecary</sup> who I know  
very well he has it full of  
furniture but might be induced  
to share that room.

I am

Y<sup>r</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Wednesday. yours sincerely  
J. Dods Drapery. L. Henderson,



27 April 1789

Mr. Dinwiddie

2 o'clock

Dear Sir

I must set out on a journey  
this night about 8 o'clock and wish  
much to see you before my departure  
Pray dont mention to Mr. Worlton or any one  
else, my being from home  
expecting to have the pleasure of  
seeing you before I set out

I remain

Old Theatre

2 o'clock

27 April 1789

Yr. Servt

Yours sincerely  
S. Henderson



13 Aug 1789

Mr James Finlayson  
at the Victoria Theatre  
West Wallingborough Street  
Lincoln's Inn  
London



NEWCASTLE  
UPON TYNE

Dear Sir

Newcastle 13 Aug 1789

After a weeks passage we are  
and here last night all safe and our baggage  
in as good condition as we could expect. My  
Phil & her family are much displeas'd with  
their new house, they suspect it has bugs and  
say it is not large enough to swing a cat in, but  
we must amuse ourselves with patience, and look  
about us well before we move again.

Mr Smith tells me this is a very bad season  
of the year for Lecturing at Newcastle. He  
says most of the company have left the town, besides  
there has been a Mr ~~Smith~~ a Lecturer here very  
lately, who recommended himself to the people  
by his good singing, and drew much company.

I have spoke with so few people and seen so  
little of this as yet, I can give you very little  
of its history at present. you must not entirely  
rely on what Mr Smith tells me about your  
prospects in Lecturing here he is a man of  
business and no philosopher I shall make  
further enquiry and let you hear from me in  
a day or two. If you should resolve to come  
here by all means take your passage on board



The Minerva Capt<sup>r</sup> Christ<sup>r</sup> Jubb he will be ready  
to sail from this about Saturday and will very  
probably reach Shadwell Dock in the course of next  
week. he was extremely civil & careful of us in our  
passage here. If you do not come pray send  
my Electrical Machine by him directed To H.  
Electrical Machine for Capt<sup>r</sup> Jubb, Ship Minerva  
at Shadwell Dock. it is necessary to direct to the  
Capt<sup>r</sup> himself to save him the expense of clearing  
his ship at the Custom house. and pray let me know  
how much I am in your debt for what Mr Wood has  
done at the machine, and also the expense of the  
hand bills you had done for me and they shall  
be most thankfully repaid. I wish you could  
see Mr Stone and be so kind as ask him if you  
can get him in the humour what schemes he had  
to propose in London for us and be pleased to  
write to either Peggy or me the result of your  
deliberations. Pray where does Mr Cha<sup>r</sup> Callin  
live I wish to desire some person to call on him for  
the Plan of the Zebrica. it may be of service to me  
& it is of none to him. Please let some of us  
hear from you as soon as possible, and believe me  
to be ever yours &c. J. Henderson.

Newcastle, Aug 13. 1789.

P.S. since I descant<sup>d</sup> the above it has come to my ears  
that it will be best if you will please direct the  
Box with the Electrical Machine to Mr Tho<sup>s</sup>  
Smith on the Quay Newcastle & ship it  
on board any of the Ladies for this port & it  
will come in course and at an easy expense.

The name of the person who sent us here, is  
Groombridge, he has a wooden Leg, which is a  
great mark to know him by.

You will do a great act of kindness  
to the Mother of our little maid Betty,

if you will desire our friend Mr Adairson to call  
at her Father's who is a Barber near Wallbridge  
and let them know that Betty was like most lands folk  
sick at sea, but before she got on shore she recovered  
and is now in perfect health & spirits. Mr Adair-  
son probably knows that the Barber's name is  
Lutton.

Mrs H. & her sisters present their kind Compl<sup>ts</sup>  
to you they were all in perfect health during  
their passage at sea. You shall hear from  
me again Saturday or Sunday.



17 Dec. 1789

Mr James Dunwoody  
at Mr. ...  
Burlingal Street  
Lincoln's Inn  
London



NOV 17 1789

Dear Sir

I took the liberty to send you a few lines lately to give you notice that Count Ouden wished to see the Model, and an exact pattern of the present Engine for boring guns would be the principal temptation for him to purchase it. I just now recalled a circumstance I should have told you some months ago. Mr Blair informed him that Mr Glenney had complained that you borrowed of him some papers which he had repeatedly asked you for, but you had neglected returning them to him. If you recollect any thing of these papers, may call on Mr Blair at 85 Park Lane, any morning before 11 o'clock, perhaps Sunday will be best, and tell him you understand that he sometimes writes to Mr Glenney in Nova Scotia, and beg he will be so good as to give the papers in charge for him, you can at same time introduce the subject of your Lectures, he has 2 sons and a daughter besides a numerous acquaintance therefore can be useful to you.

Since my last letter to you I had one from Mr Roe of Ringsend, dated Nov. 28. very strongly recommending Dublin as an excellent field of speculation in the Commercial way, it has certainly some advantages over London & lets stock will answer, Government is less, provisions and coal about half price, taxes as moderate and they are not so much fettered by stamps & excise laws as here. I rec<sup>d</sup> two days ago a letter from Mr Blair desiring me by all means to give the preference to Dublin for several reasons he mentions. I know there are some drawbacks to Ireland, there are giving credit, and keeping much company, however there we must guard against as much as possible. I purpose at all events to pay you a visit after Christmas holidays, and thank Mr Ouden in person for his kindness, his advice should I settle in Dublin.



Le  
may of great service to me on many occasions. Mr. Roe  
shows nothing of your misfortune, but he says J. Thiddich  
has got an ugly bill, which he says he will get over.

My Ail presents her kind regards to you, she has by  
 dint of application discovered Mr. Warrens ground scotch &  
 makes the Milk of Roses at least equal, if not superior to  
 the original, answering every test by Acids, distillation, &  
 evaporation by the blow pipe. She is now employed ex-  
 perimenting on the dying Cotton red, as she has seen it done  
 in Sweden. She is much pleased with Mr. Orais  
 scheme as she reads the numerous papers of London.

If you see Mr. Gullcock please tell him I have ~~lost~~  
 see the two compasses he shipped on board the Success, the  
 vessel was once on fire in the river, and was detained for some  
 time, the 30<sup>th</sup> of Oct. she was in the storm, put on shore on  
 the coast of Norfolk, and at last her goods are delivered here  
 at the expense of 11 £ Cent salvage. He so kind as men-  
 tion to him an objection or rather a defect in the compasses  
 which he can easily remedy. I found one of these did not  
 swing free, but catched and stood fast between the guides  
 on examining it, I found the bottom had washed by its  
 being set on a damp place, and the parts to which these  
 guides were secured had bent in opposite directions by  
 which the stits in each of them, were not in the same plain,  
 and of course the Spins could not move in turn. I therefore  
 would recommend that these two Curved pieces shall be all  
 one piece united in the middle, as in the Animuths these  
 pieces cannot be much different from the present.

Clara, & Sarah, desire to be remembered to you, & I am

At S. Johns Lane  
17<sup>th</sup> Decr 1789.

Yr Serv  
Wm. Gullcock  
J. Henderson

RECEIVED  
MAY 17 1791





20 March 1790

Mr James Dunwoode

Old Theatre, Portugal Street

Lincoln's Inn

London

NEWCASTLE  
UPON TYNE

Dear Sir

I was exceedingly surprised & disappointed  
on reading your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> to my Clerk in which  
you mention that Mr Calagan did not intend to take  
the spinning & preparing machines I have now  
ready to ship for him, had I known his mind a  
month ago, I should have got by this time at least  
as many thousands as I asked hundreds of him, but  
in order to fulfill my engagement to him, I had  
neglected an express invitation which I can shew you  
from Mr Foster Speaker of the house of commons, who  
promised to do his utmost to promote my interest  
in Ireland. Since I had the pleasure of seeing  
you I have contrived two capital improvements in  
spinning, one to spin as slack as by hand, and the  
other in point of expedition - they are also applicable  
to cotton by which it may be spun by the wheels of  
the same quality as by the jennies. I shall take  
the liberty to trouble you with a letter soon in the  
meantime please accept of my Compl<sup>ts</sup> of this family

Newcastle 20 March  
1790.

Y<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Yours sincerely  
J<sup>r</sup> Henderson



2 April 1790

My dear Sir  
W.A. 20  
W.A. 20

W.A. 20

Dear Sir

I sent you a few lines a fortnight ago from Newcastle in answer to yours mentioning that Mr. C. did not intend to take the machine I had prepared for him, as you mentioned that Mr. H. was desirous to have one I shall be very ready to supply him on much easier terms, taking it for granted he means to purchase it for his own use, as Mr. C. is suspected to be purveyor for inventions for a foreign Court, I will find two people ready to sell him bargains,

I am sorry you have been disappointed by Count Oederis, I think you ought directly to write to Mr. Mitchell at Copenhagen on the offer he formerly made you for that affair. Having thought some business I had here would be best done in person, Mr. H. & I came here about a week ago, and left Elizabeth & Sarah



to take care of the horses. Mr. H. proposes to  
return soon to Newcastle and leave me here to  
make further improvements on my spinning  
apparatus. I saw Mr. Reddish yesterday  
who inquired very kindly for you, and wished  
for an answer to a Letter he had sent you the  
middle of last month. I wish <sup>he</sup> had staid to carry  
on his business - it seems a great undertaking  
for any one with a small capital. In a  
Letter Mr. H. sent you several weeks ago, she  
mentioned a desire to have the assistance of  
your nephew here, as we propose to do  
some business in the Chemical line ~~business~~. I  
have not yet got a house, but will endeavour  
to get one ~~done~~ before Madams return  
which I hope will be in the course of 4 or  
5 weeks from this time. She presents kind  
compl't to you, and begs you will let us hear  
from you directing your Letters for her care  
to the care of Mr. Roe, of Kingsend. Tell us

are properly settled. Mr. Roe desires his Compl't to  
you, and offers his friendly assistance as far as  
lays in his power. I have heard nothing of Dr  
Rehmet since I left you. I am sorry to learn  
that it has been mentioned in the newspapers that  
our friend Peter Pinder is dead, pray is this true?

Please present our respects to Mr. Stake when you  
see him - when an opportunity offers please send or  
send some vessel for Dublin the Box containing the  
Petition the Certificate to Will<sup>m</sup> Deane's Esq<sup>r</sup> to the  
Care of Mr. Rob<sup>t</sup> Polack. Sheriff in Dublin.

and I shall thankfully pay the charge ~~over~~  
as also the price of the Lamp you ~~and~~  
was so good as procure for me.

I write this in a Company who have frequently  
interrupted me this fore hope you will overlook the  
blunders of - I see yours &c.

L. Henderson  
Dublin 2 April  
1730.



Dear Sir

I was favoured with yours of the 14. Inst. and am very glad to hear you have ordered the Books & Reports to be sent off, they are much wanted here and will be out of your way. My Ideas on the subject of Spinning are too numerous for the bounds of a Letter in which I have other subjects to introduce. In my last which I sent you about three weeks ago I believed you were not of any having proposed myself as a candidate of the office of Engineer to the Corporation of this City, at least I knew this circumstance, I was rather surpris'd at your total silence respecting this subject, but the mystery is cleared up by my having seen a Memorial from Mr John Riddish to the different Members of the Corporation of Dublin; in the Letter mentioned therein dated the 10. Inst. from you to him, you say "Mr Mylne has had many applications but will not have any thing to say to any of them" Now as one of these must allude to me, I think myself call'd upon to tell you on what foundation I presumed to apply to Mr Mylne for a general Certificate (one not directed to any particular body of men) of my professional abilities, as a Hydraulic Engineer. My first acquaintance with that gentleman was by being introduced to him by Dr Charles Erving in 1773. or 74. in London; in 1777. I spent some days with him, and Mr Mylne at Mr Boulton's near Birmingham; and the same year I spent a very agreeable day at his house at that time in Greenwich Hospital. The year following I spent a day with him in company with Mons<sup>r</sup> Perier the Engineer to the new water works at Paris, and some other gentlemen of that class; some time after



Please let me know the cost of the lamp & send to  
whom I shall pay it

IRELAND

Mr. Donnell

Old Theatre, Dublin

Lancaster

1790

21 May 1790



that he should so much attention as to send me a book  
which he thinks I wanted, and could not be born to  
pursue journey. I was not so childish on the present  
occasion as to ask Mr. Ryland to hear my lesson on the  
doctrine of Hydrostatics, a very small part of that  
Theory is applicable to the subject of conducting  
water in pipes. nor have I ever seen any treatise  
on the subject in which the art may be learnt without  
actual practice. Some Members of the High Water  
Committee talk of erecting ~~some~~ machines near  
St. Pauls Wharves for ~~supplying~~ the south part of the  
City ~~unconspicuously~~ with water, if this machine  
is to be worked either by steam or water whose  
examination do you think worthy three or four  
in England I ought to attend on these subjects.

Your friend Mr. Redden has only as yet drawn  
on himself some ridicule as you may see by  
trusting too much to certificates from Mr. Roe which  
he has published. Mr. Leggett who is reputed to be a  
Man of abilities, and much practical knowledge of  
which he has many ample testimonials to produce,  
being also a candidate for the same office, in his  
Memorial introduces the following passage. "That in  
performance of applications to Mathematical professors,  
Military Engineer officers, or Teachers at Academies  
for testimonials of theoretic Skill, Memorialists  
is advised rather to evidence his merit by his  
works, x x x whether this was originally intended for  
Mr. Johnston or Mr. Redden I do not know, but it is  
applied to both."

However your letter & Certificate is likely to produce on  
you a very contrary effect, Mr. Roe and I have been  
studious to let your name for the present, rest in oblivion,  
and I may with a safe conscience assure you I had found



a scheme to buy up Mr. Gregors claim on you, or such  
terms as will probably never more come in your offer.  
yet there cannot be a doubt but her attention will be raised  
by your letter which is in my ones hands. There seems no  
means now left to settle with her but by paying up the debt  
as it stands, which in my present situation is an affair I  
cannot engage in. I ought not to conclude this letter with  
mentioning that I was advised to suppose "certificates I had  
from a Relation of Westport dated May 1776, and so from the  
Honourable of Gregors dated April 1790, as she did not directly  
serve to prove my myopia" ~~in my favour in my favour~~

I shall also give you the satisfaction to tell you that  
I applied to Mr. Mylre by letter recommending him of my former  
acquaintance; he was also applied to by some of my friends and  
recommended even by Physic. Boulton & Watt. his final answer  
was to one of my friends who applied to him "that he could  
not do with propriety under the circumstances  
in which he stood with the Corporation of  
Dublin Volunteer in any recommendation  
to the gentlemen who compose that body without  
an application or reference from them, but he acknowledged  
I had been very favourably represented to him by persons of  
respectability" and my friend adds, he has no doubt but  
will have the proper result.

I shall take the liberty to enclose copies of my certificates  
to show you on what recommendations I have for success. I  
could give you much more information on this subject if it  
would answer any good purpose.

Mr. Chapman has lately given in a plan for a bridge of one  
arch 120 feet span at Adams Bridge, estimate £10,000. They now  
want some person to build & uphold it for seven years.

Swifts Row N<sup>o</sup> 2.

I am D<sup>r</sup> Sir

London 21 May

Yours in haste

1790.

Chapman







paragraphs for him in the Phoenix abuses all his  
competitors amongst others he calls Mr Lynch the  
Shebael Drabner, and he is so hostile as to term me  
the old pensioner or inveterate and call me a poor  
Derivative old fool or something amounting to the  
same meaning. <sup>but</sup> he is a lying scoundrel in saying I  
ever gave any opinion about the level of the streets  
or city you will probably see Mr Reddickes friend  
suffer for his impudence. if you will please to  
look into the Phoenix of the 9<sup>th</sup> of April and 9<sup>th</sup> of  
this month you will see what a bad advocate  
Mr R has chosen.

Mr Weston has just begun Lectures here on  
Natural & Experimental Philosophy our friend Mr  
Deane is to attend him. Mr Curran the great  
Chemist has espoused my cause warmly, and his  
efforts continued to gain me friends, he visits me very  
often. Mr Johnstone it is supposed will have as  
little chance as Mr Reddickes for the office we are  
all grasping at. Mr Lynch being a native of the  
city, has many friends, and it is likely the contest will  
be between him & me. All the people to whom I  
have applied for votes hold themselves disengaged,

the time of election, as they certainly ought to do,  
Peggy & Sally present their respects to you and  
I am

Yours faithfully  
L. Henderson.



20 July 1791

IRELAND

Mr James Dunsford  
Care of Mr Wallace at 4.  
Northumberland Court  
St Andrews  
LONDON

Dear Sir

It is now so long since I had  
the pleasure of hearing from you, I suppose you  
have almost forgot how to address to any of the  
family, & I have thought it necessary to send  
this to the care of Mr Swadlow, as you are like  
ourselves, not very guilty of staying too long  
in one place - Mr Henderson & his sister Eliza  
have been very ill, particularly the latter who  
has been reduced very low, by a consumptive  
complaint she has been sent to the country about  
two months ago for a change of air, and with the  
assistance of Gosholds Vegetable Balsam, of which  
she has used several pints at 1 Guinea each, she  
is now considerably better, and seems to have some  
chance to recover, but some weeks ago she could not  
walk across the Chamber, without help. Mr Hendersons  
complaint has been something like the jaund in her  
Stomach, from which she is now considerably relieved.  
Your kinsman Mr Kiddich is still in the  
land of the living, but I know nothing of his



situation in life, he has never evidenced me  
the honour to call upon me. Dr Mayse  
was here about 15 Months ago, on his return  
from America where he picked up some thousand  
and Guineas, in a very short time; I remember  
you had some thoughts about eight years  
ago of visiting the States, it is a great pity  
you did not go, there is a grand field for a  
man of genius. If you are not in a very  
frustrated way, let me advise you to look to the  
westward, not to Ireland where science is not much  
regarded, says Pattee & Volunteering are the  
favourite pursuits here. We are now aiming  
at a change of Government which will effectually  
ruin this Kingdom.

On the month of June was a twelvemonth, you  
was so good as say that in weeks from that time  
you would send my Telescopes, as I can have no  
doubt but you have sent it, & as about a  
year has now elapsed without me hearing of  
it I shall send a power of attorney to a  
friend in Cliffords Inn to call the whatfinger

Captain or any person to adv. to whom  
you have delivered it. I must therefore  
beg of you give Mr Sealy every informa-  
tion on the subject that he may be enabled  
to discover with whom it is to be found,  
I could frequently have sold this Telescope &  
the money would have been very acceptable  
as we have constantly been laying out cash  
our since our beginning business here.

Mr Hinderson & their sister Sarah  
present their respects, and I shall  
be very glad to hear from <sup>you</sup> as soon  
as convenient. I am

Dr Sir  
Yours &c  
S. Hinderson

N<sup>o</sup> 177 Abbey Street.  
Dublin 20. July.  
1791.



31 July 1790

IRELAND

James M. Ireland

Old Theatre, Principal Street

London

London

L. L. L.

I have frequently taken the liberty  
to remind you of some trifles I left in your  
chamber about Six Months ago, permit me once  
more to inform you it gives me much pain to be  
so troublesome but as these articles can be of no  
service, as lumber in your way, and as they are  
exceedingly wanted here, I beg your wife please to  
ship them for me as soon as possible, directed to  
the Care of Messrs Doyle & Row. if they are already  
shipped, please to let me know the name of the  
Vessel — Mr John Redden may both make our  
selves very easy as to the Office of Engineer. The  
Pipe Maker, Committee have recommended Mr  
Johnston to the Corporation, if he is not approved  
of Mr Lynch at Chapel Street is the next on the  
List, Mr William Daves would have been the  
second on the List but he would not agree to  
give up his whole time to that business.

I have nothing new worth relating to you from  
this place, my attention has been lately engaged in



chance diehills, but unfortunately for me Mr. Kirwan  
left Dublin several days ago - I profited much by his  
acquaintance.

Mrs. Henderson & her sisters present kind regards  
to you and I am

Yrs  
a Son

Swifts Road &c.

Yours sincerely

L. Henderson

3<sup>rd</sup> July 1790.

Mr. Dehnert is gone to Waterford to his Lady.  
A fine Dr. Noyse brought some thousand pounds from  
America; he cleared £1000 in Philadelphia - it was a  
pity you did not sail for America seven years ago  
when you talked of it.



23 Sept. 1790

Mr James Dunwoody  
Old Theatre Royal  
Street Lincoln's Inn  
London



Dr Sir

Several weeks having elapsed  
since you mentioned to Mr Stada that the  
box containing the Telescope &c had been  
shipped and as several vessels have arrived  
sately from London I am very doubtful of its  
safety I therefore purpose to send a power of  
attorney to call to account the person who  
took it from your house, the Wharfinger,  
and Ship Master. as there are several articles  
in that box the most of which intrinsically  
yet are of much importance as they are not  
to be replaced here.

Mr St. presents his respects to you  
& I remain in great haste Yours &c  
N<sup>o</sup> 177 Abbey Street Dublin }  
26 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1790. } L. Henderson.



28 Nov. 1790

at the old bridge  
Portugal Street  
L. ... ..  
L. ... ..

Dear Sir

This will be delivered to you by  
my very much respected friend Mr. Dalton being  
who after many years trial of the Kingdom of  
Ireland has not much reason to regret quitting  
the country more than you do, as he is  
a most capital Character his company will be a  
treasure to you who is constantly in quest of  
Knowledge

I should your friend Mr. Galagan want a  
Gentleman of extensive abilities and the greatest  
possible integrity I think Mr. F. would be of  
infinite service to him, I am sorry that  
in my power to say half so much in his favour  
as he deserves, but a word is enough to the wise.

In my last I acquainted you would be so good as  
send the box with the Telescope & send it to  
Messrs Doyle & Rae Merch<sup>ts</sup> in Dublin and  
send it to their agents in London, Messrs John  
= Stone Merch<sup>ts</sup> in Kings Arms Yard Salaman-  
Strat London — Mr. F. will give you



a full & faithful account of us — Mrs Henderson  
and her are fully employed in manufacturing & selling  
goods for improving the minds & persons of the people of  
this nation — however has it known of every difficulty  
& expense attending this place & ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> willing  
in the neighbourhood of Schodogues as you proposed, and I  
am now convinced would have been accomplished for less money  
but I am now too deeply engaged to retract besides we have  
every reason to expect success, not only from the encouragement  
we ~~shall~~ <sup>have</sup> <sup>in</sup> the business but also that <sup>we</sup> are likely to remain  
a long time unswayed. If we can only support the expense  
for one year we shall probably do well — Tho we have not  
advantage to every person in the same line even Mr Willis of  
Wapping not excepted, yet you know from experience that  
"The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong"  
I shall be very glad to hear from you and that you are  
prospering — If you know any person who is desirous to be  
patentee for a very great improvement on all kinds of  
spinning mills I shall be willing to treat with him for  
a very useful discovery — This is intended chiefly to diminish  
the expense and to have the weight of twist as small as you  
please and to increase the quantity of yarn spun in a given  
time — News from Schodogues is somewhere in the  
country with his Lady — I never see or hear from Mr Willis

M<sup>rs</sup> H. & sisters present their kind compl<sup>ts</sup> to you  
& I am I<sup>r</sup> Sir  
Yours &c, Henderson.  
No 177 Abbey Street Dublin 28. 10. 90