

ago as you was out in Town & found, I thought
once of coming to Edin. when you was there, but
was full of the expectations that you was to
come this way. My wife sends in best Compts
& I always am with sincerest wishes for your
health & prosperity & in your
Ours Nov 3. 1790 —

Wm. Dick

Thos. Boyd
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My Dear Sir

The reason of my not writing you long
at this time was that I could never give you any
satisfactory account about your sister's small Farm
Your sister has at last got a letter from Mr.
McMurdock advising himself to give her a Tack for
eighteen pounds a year, which is six pounds more
than what she paid for it. A James Armstrong
offered nineteen pounds for it, & said all to Mr. M.
I would but what he said was very true that as
the rent was offered he could not be reasonable
to do it, I am afraid it is too high but if she
can do any way with it I think she should
not give it up, I sent her a two ten pound
note which was so good as send her which
you would be in favour of. Willie's situation has
been with me just now he is in great spirits
about the letter you wrote Mr. Colquhoun, I can only
say he is one of the finest lads that ever I saw
in my life & I should wish to see you as to
your own situation

particulars of his life and get into a proper line
he will do you great honor, he is modest and
full of natural good breeding and as for quackery
he is like Electricity itself I need say no more
in his praise you will best judge when you
are acquainted with him, when he has time to
attend your Lectures you will find him an
excellent assistant after a very short time.

As you were not like to answer the letter Mr.
Blair wrote you, I wrote to Mr. Chapman to
ask if he could find out a direction for you as
Mr. C. was really very anxious about him but
by good luck your answer would be for Mr. C.
He wrote within a very week, answer. - I saw
some old acquaintance Mr. Joseph Thompson a little
while ago who told me he supposed by some information
he had got that you was gone to ~~London~~ which
I was not at all pleas'd at but they are more
upon the study of dissection than he is on species
then student lectures on Philosophy and with
knows what they might have done on their

heads when they found that you was not
one of their own kind. - I guess my great pleasure
to find that you have now got into the line you
so much wish'd and which you are so well cal-
for, and I sincerely wish you may meet with
the end & agreement you desire. As the girls
she is in good health and is taken good enough
care of in a way perhaps not as you could wish
she is with G. McNaught & who is fond of her
John Anderson saw her this day and says she
is looking very well, William is to give you
every particular concerning her, if there is
any thing at any time that I can do you

confide, ~~obtain~~, Anderson desires to be remembered
to you he is still working with you and answers
my purposes very well as he is a very good
Tradesman. - I shall expect to hear from
you soon and expect to hear from you after
I am not a great hand at the pen but shall
always take care to answer yours after this
long stop to I have made, I wonder if ever we
are to see you here, I was much disappointed in not
seeing you in London when I was up two years