

Dumfries 26th July 1803

My dear Dr. Finlayson

It is now long since we  
 had the pleasure of seeing <sup>each other</sup> one another, in the  
 past August that my son Alexander returned  
 from India, where he had the pleasure of seeing  
 you & that you was very kind to him and as  
 my son was returning again 4th month on board  
 the Lord Cathcart's East India man Capt  
 Robertson Mr. I now take this opportunity to  
 address you & return you Mrs. Myself & my  
 Best thanks for taking so much notice of him  
 which he is proud with much gratitude, as he seems  
 to like the 13th Regt. Shop in a little time by his  
 own Affidavit & the Interest of his Friend he will yet  
 get forward if he lives. I will be much obliged to  
 you to give him your best advice, I wish it were  
 in my power to render you any service in this  
 Country it would give me the greatest pleasure  
 I have nothing but with the readiness to be by way  
 of news. Only we have got a notice of this Country  
 returned from India by Gentlemen who I suppose

Dr. Finlayson  
 Dumfries  
 Roberton  
 Alexander  
 Myself

From Mr. Myself  
 Dumfries 26  
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 And 13th Regt 1804

Some time since, is Mr. Stewart & a fine letter  
to him, he bought an Estate the other day belonging  
to James Maxwell Esq of Winton, that they  
call mobile in the wind down to New Abbey & he  
is to pay £20,000 for it. Mr. White & Mr. Humfrey  
are both well & much esteemed in their different times

A young man of the name of Carson is the younger  
son of James to your satisfaction. We have now  
got all our new school built & is now finishing &  
to be used to in very much & ready it is a most  
handsome building every person is pleased with  
the appearance, although some did not like the  
situation but now when they are viewed in & finished  
I think every person comes to be satisfied. They  
are erected on the N. East side of the new church  
which went by the name of Lindays Garden

On the west side of the new church is a fine  
street erected which leads in to the new bridge  
(which is a most excellent bridge) and on each side  
of the street leading to the bridge individuals is  
building fine elegant houses, on the south side of that  
street there is a very large new hall building  
with every convenience by a court house in the middle  
of the square a Hall for the Jurys a guard house

a goalers House proper rooms for Debts,  
Cells for the poor &c. The country round this  
Town is much improved since you left it, indeed  
the whole country has undergone a wonderful  
change for the better. Mrs. Hyslop sends with  
me in best wishes for your Health & prosperity  
& shows the Town to be with much respect & esteem  
Dear Sir

Yours Obedt<sup>ly</sup> & affectionately  
Sincerely  
Wm. Hyslop