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## Letter from John Newton to John Campbell, January 15, 1802

John Newton

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Mr J Campbell

St Penmans

Thingel  
Glasgow

My dear friend, I return you Miss Welwood's letter,  
~~set~~ of which I would advise you to send a copy with mine  
to Calcutta. It is for granted that Buchanan  
knows something of the Welwood family.

My eyes are so dim, that I can scarcely see  
to write at all, nor can I read my own writing, nor could  
I read yours without help. Therefore I must be very brief.

My dear Elizabeth's derangement still continues.  
But in many respects she has been better within the  
last month.

Her kind sensibilities, which had for a time  
been suspended and returned, she enquires after her friends;  
and when her thoughts are diverted from her own case, she  
is sensible & conversible, almost the same as formerly.  
I have not seen her since the 9<sup>th</sup> July: she has been in Bethlehem  
Hospital since the 1<sup>st</sup> August. I am almost willing to  
hope the Lord is bringing forward her relief. But I know  
that His time and way must be the best. And He enables me  
to wait His hour with some measure of resignation. I am  
mercifully supported. But my trial is great. My health  
is firm and I still preach as frequently and with as  
little inconvenience to myself as formerly, the now more  
than 5 months in my <sup>seventy</sup> ~~60~~ seventh year.

You know that I am always glad to hear from you  
tho' I am now spoiled for a correspondent. Pray that I  
may be enabled to say from my heart, The Will of the  
Lord be done.

I hope to be with you in spirit, when  
you go to Ireland, and when you are there, if I should still  
be living

The Lord bless you, and all who  
love his Name, in Glasgow & every where else. Amen.

I am your very affectionate  
John Newton

N.B.

15 Jan'y 1802

Mr John Campbell