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# Letter from John Newton to John Campbell, May 15, 1792

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Londen fifteen May 92

Mr Campbell

Great Market

Dublin

Prof  
Mortimer





Dear Sir, Unless I had a copy of the letter you refer to, I cannot at this distance of time judge, whether I should be willing, that what I wrote freely & without reserve to a friend, should appear before the Public. I rejoice that there is a good work begun & increasing in Wales (The Lord grant it may reach even to us) But as it is not in the line of my connection, nor within my personal knowledge; & as I have had no direct information from Mr. Charles, & all that I know is from what I have seen (in common with others) in print. I do not think I am properly call'd at present to interpose; & rather wish, ~~at present~~, to be excus'd from having my little name, at present, appear upon the occasion.

When you see Mr. Boner, I beg you to mention my respects to him. The paper Mr. Black mention'd to him, I enclose. you will see, that it is so entirely a profane, that it cannot with any propriety be printed, unless prefixed to the book for which it was written. And I believe it will be found there, in the subsequent Editions. No particular account <sup>of Mr. Cooper</sup> can be permitted to appear in Public, ~~during his life.~~

If Mr. Lawson comes in your way, I beg you to tell him that I am both sorry & ashamed, that I have not written to him. But for some time past I have been taken up, with Unavoidable, more than usual. Every day brings a something which must be attended to. And I am forc'd to defer what may be delay'd without detriment, to a season of more leisure.

With my prayers & best wishes, that the Lord may bless & guide you in all your concerns, I remain Your affectionate friend & servant

John Newton

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