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# Letter from John Newton to John Campbell, January 21, 1793

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London twenty first Jan 1733

Mr J Campbell  
Glasgow  
Edinburgh  
Perth  
Glasgow

John Newton



Dear Sir,

I certainly heard the rumour I mention  
but I believe it need not make you serious. I believe it did not  
spread very widely, & as I have your authority to contradict it  
I hope it will soon die away. Many things in the misquoting  
deal of of years so surpris'd <sup>my</sup> but more men than that it <sup>so</sup>  
generally lead the good people of Scotland to think so highly  
of the man, who to answer his own ends, put himself at the head  
of a Religious Party.

I have paid L. 1. 1. 6 to Mr. Selt accor-  
ding to your order. I have nothing to do with Mr. A - s Experi-  
ence but to recommend it & promote the sale. It was published  
by her husband, & I do not know whom he has employed in  
the second Edition. I believe it is not yet abroad. The papers  
have been almost engross'd of late, by Political pieces. I  
spoke to Mr. Johnson about 6 months - but he said, that  
the Title page was already printed - and besides he thought  
it any preference was given to an Edinburgh Publisher,  
it was due to the Booksellers who print a <sup>hand</sup> Consideration  
for leave to print Newtons 6 volumes, some time since.  
I confess I think so too; as I never heard that they gave  
<sup>any</sup> cause for complaint or change. And as I am in joint  
concern with Mr. Johnson, & perfectly satisfied with his  
management, I wish to interfere no more about my own  
books, than those of any other person. I desired him to send  
you 6 sets of the Supplicat in Sheets.

I am glad you agree with me, that it is well betwixt  
Ministers & private Christians, to have as little to do with Politics  
as

as possible your idea, of a pit in the Path ~~put~~ pleases  
me. I am afraid it is a pit that will swallow up the life &  
spirit, if not the very form of the Religion of many Professors.  
The Lord reigneth, & every issue will be directed by Infinite  
wisdom & Goodness, without our interference. And can we wish  
them under better management? It is true he usually works  
by instruments, but there are some services which cannot  
be good enough for his own Children. He can employ such  
wretches as compose the bulk of the French Conventions,  
as Lecturers & Scavengers. Sennacherib with his blas-  
phemies, expended his wily, no lip than Hezekiah by his  
prayers. And he could <sup>do</sup> no more — He was thrown aside like  
an old broom, when the duty work for which he was commisi-  
oned was performed. And there will always be Dead suffi-  
cient to bury the Dead.

I shall not be sorry to hear that the report of  
your being married is realized, whenever the Lord directs you  
to the right person. I have reason to speak well of wedded  
life. I have told you why I cannot afford to write long  
letters. The Lord bless & guide you. Amen

I am Yours sincerely  
John Newton

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