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## Letter from John Newton to John Campbell, November 13, 1789

John Newton

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Mr John Campbell

Merchant

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Dear Sir

Tho I have not parted with my property in the books I have printed, I have committed the management of them entirely to my Booksellers in London - I am well satisfied with their conduct, & they are jointly concerned with me - So that I could neither in honor nor conscience consent to any thing that might prejudice their interest - Usefulness to others if God please, is I hope the chief interest or gain I propose to myself - But the three letters marked A B C in Omicron, cannot I think much affect the sale of the book, if ~~published~~ printed in the manner you propose, & therefore you are very welcome to say, that you have my consent for such publication

I am sorry Dr. Mc. Gile should occasion ~~to~~ trouble to himself & others. What ever judgment may be formed of his book, the Truth which it opposes, will stand firm. It is the very rock on which the Church is built, against which neither force, nor policy, nor sophistry can prevail. I see not how your Judicatories can avoid noticing it, unless they give up your Public doctrinal Standards as untenable. At the same time I fear that Judicial censure, will add to his zeal



in a bad cause, & likewise add to his fame, & make his  
book men enquired after. Unless he can be convinced, he will  
never think himself confuted. And heart-conviction is the  
work of the Lord alone.

The plausible & temperate  
manner in which he writes, makes his book in my opinion  
more dangerous; than all the volumes which Dr. Priestly  
has published. However as you observe the great Head  
of the Church will take care of his own cause, & of his own  
people. Such things have been from the beginning. There  
must be Heresies — But they who know the Saviour's  
name, will put their trust in him, when his Opposers  
have done their utmost to prevent it.

May the peace & blessing of the Lord be with  
you, & with all who love him in sincerity.

I am Sir Your affe<sup>ct</sup>ionate friend  
& servant

John Newton

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