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## Letter from John Newton to John Campbell, September 12, 1798

John Newton

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Mr John Campbell  
Grocer - Market  
Edinburgh

My dear friend

My friend M<sup>r</sup> Mr. Smith is advised to go to Edinburgh. I must refer you to herself for her story at large

Her husband Edward Smith is Captain of a line of battleship in the West Indies. But he left his wife & only daughter to cohabit with another woman by whom he has had several Children soon after she was thus deserted, the Lord led her to my Church, & I knew no but she was the first fruits of my Ministry at St. Mary's! From that time <sup>time</sup>, I have known her well, & loved her much. Since the year 88 she has resided at Newcastle, for cheapness - Having as I believe, received no support from her Husband for several years. And her income is very small.

I am only bear testimony to her purity, which I believe I may safely do, & to my regard for her which is very sincere. Her qualifications for active life I have had no opportunity of knowing. But her daughter Miss Smith is a respectable young Woman. I have heard a good character of her both from Newcastle & Hull. I judge from the Testimonial on the other side, that she is well qualified to act as a Teacher in a School, or to superintend young ladies in a private family. If I was at Edinburgh, I would go round to all my friends, to Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Black, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. & Capt. Haldane, & every where find attention I have experienced, & quest their influence interest & favour in behalf of this Widowed Wife & her Child, whom may be called Fatherless, tho' her Father is still living. At Edinburgh they will be strangers in a strange land, but Mr. Smith the Lord has many gracious people, & that I have more than a few kind friends there. But as I cannot do this in person, I depute the service to you, as a point which I have much at hearts and if the Lord is pleased to make you an instrument of good to them, I only believe you will thank me for the opportunity.

With ship Captain's respects I remain,

Your affectionate & obliged

N<sup>o</sup>. 6. 12 Oct. 98 There is a letter of mine to Miss Smith - John Newton  
in Evangelical Magazine, I think in Oct. or Nov.

Cards next pth

or be at Wardell 17th inst of pth

aged & intended not placed to say no more. I intended to  
use a small house I had not  
so good for a child as it is a small one & the girls had plenty of  
time & space had much time to run about & play & the children &  
old enough go to bed & sleep but not with such a small room  
as had not enough to go with or to sleep without crowding all  
the 33 & except a small unoccupied bed below redressable  
as we have in Wardell as you will perceive by the account  
brought you a moment ago this evening. of Wardell not very happy  
I believe & Anna, please rest at present not far off.

Being still awaiting your return & of course you will get your  
Wardell - found to give traps are to be used & I understand that  
no great trouble would give them up. White Worms is a bird of considerable  
size & weight & I believe it is a good bird & the children have  
an advantage by being born & educated place with others down under  
the traps to which they continue to go & this is in view. I  
have given the name of Wardell to my intended account of pth  
Anna (Lett. Aug 9 to Mr. and Mrs. M. Wardell) - dear Mr. and Mrs. Wardell  
entire correspondence with Newgate Prisoner as well as those who had written  
that I should pay you under old friends & visitors & so placed in view of  
your age & the fact that you will be required to go with us  
as well as well rest to sleep & when you are ready to travel. We will  
arrange all proper necessary with the most care & with regard to  
you & Anna as far as can be done and I hope there will be no  
misunderstanding between you & Wardell & I hope to meet with him soon  
in view of the above & the above

18 p. No. 21 D. M.  
18 p. No. 18 and Wardell, impugn the last proposed if in

Sir

This is to certify that Miss Anna Smith  
was Boarded six years with my worthy Preceptor  
the late Mrs Greenwell, during which time she behaved  
herself in a manner that gained her the love &  
friendship of the whole Family; I think her a well-  
informed sensible young Person, and one who is very  
capable of assisting in a School, as being well acquainted  
with every useful branch of Education.

I am Sir with respect  
your humble Servant

Ann Holton

Durham Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 1798