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Sept 8th 95 Copied

Mr John Campbell

Grave Market

Edinburgh

In favour of Mr. Macaulay



My dear Sir,

Your friend Mr. Ellis breakfasted with me this morning, as he brought a Testimonial from you, I told him I should be glad to see him again & again while he staid. I thank you for your two letters by him; I wrote to you last week, & therefore shall not undertake to pay my new debts as yet. By the taste I have had of Mr. Ellis I like him well. Mr. Jarment the Anti-burgen Minister here brought him to me, with a Mr. Moncrieff, who I suppose is a Brother of his own denomination. If they love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, I care not what they are call'd. All are fish that come in his Name, to my Net.

It is now my turn to recommend, & I do it with great pleasure. This note is to introduce my respected friend Mr. Macaulay to your acquaintance & good offices. He was Governor of Sierra Leon, when the French visit'd them, & heroically destroy'd all their pigs & poultry with fire arms, & ~~not~~ without resistance. Mr. Macaulay will be a welcome visitant to you, for he will bring you good news from a far Country. The fields then are ripe for harvest, & he will be glad of your assistance to procure more labourers to go with him into the Black Vineyard. I shall say no more of him, as he will speak for himself when you meet, than this, that I shall expect your thanks for desiring him to call upon you.

Mr. Buchanans papers are with the Bishop; & I expect he will be ord'rd of. 20 Inst. He will then commence my Curate. I have waited for him four years, which is longer than I expect to keep him, if I should live so long myself. This is an extraordinary young Man & from the Lords wonderful leading of him, his great abilities, & singu-

singular humility & spirituality, I apprehend the Lord has designed
him for important services. I hope I shall be willing to part with him
at the Lord's call - but should he be permitted to supply my lack of
service, for I may expect soon to be laid aside, if I am not taken
away, I shall have cause to be thankful. As he is one on whom I
may fully depend. But we know not what is before us.

Perhaps I shall have time to add no more, when
I have repeated my wishes for your welfare in every sense, in which
Miss Catlett joins - ^{have} I assure you, once more, that I am

Dear Sir,

Your very affectionate friend
John Newton.

N^o 6. 8 Sept. 95. 8 P. M.