

BIRM

Glasgow Nov 26 1791

+ DALNOE Co. (Spinning)

As Achan may not be returned as yet to South I give you the trouble of this to acquaint you that the plan for establishing a branch of the Cotton Manufactory in this country is now finally settled by the Means of Mr Geo M Jolosh & Messrs Gentlemen of the name of Robertson Brothers & Mr Dale, — Our Subscription amounts to £1800; — The place of management is to be here, the Partners on the spot (Glasgow) are to form a Committee for the purpose & none else use the sum of the £1800 viz^t Dalnoe £500 — early in the Spring Measures are to be taken for building 2 weaving houses for 12 looms each, when ready a good Weaver is to be placed in each to take Apprentices for Instruction — Yarn to be sent from hence, and the Goods returned to Glasgow or sent to London at both of which places there is a constant demand for them — this branch fairly established we proceed spinning in Jennies for the waft of our Webbs I subjoin a list of Subscribers

Geo M Jolosh. 2 Shares £200	Wm Gillespie 1 Share . . . 100
David Dale 200	Thos Mogle 100
Capt J H Dempster 200	Mr Dunmore 100
Geo Dempster 200	Mr Gilchrist 100
Wm Robertson 100	Mr D. Mose 100
Thos Robertson 100	Mr 100
Thos Robertson 100	Mr 100
	1800

Precautions are taken by which any abuse of our firm will be effectually prevented — a copy of the Book of Partnership is preparing to be transmitted to each partner for Observation or approbation — The 1st meeting for business is to be the 2d Monday of the new year Several other partners are expected to form a Capital of £2000 which is deemed suff^t — I shall be obliged to you to communicate this Intelligence to Achan & to Mr Fraser & Mr Davidson Capt Dempster & his wife have us to morrow for London & Mr Dempster & I return to Beruchan Please you to believe me &c &c to be &c &c
Signed Geo Dempster
P.S. There is nothing more necessary now than to dispose the good folks in South to send persons to be apprentices to Weavers when they come to Dalnoe; — we leave room for more Subscribers, If any of our Friends would inquire a share you will be so good as to mention their Names to Mr Jolosh of this place

Copy Mr Dempster from
Glasgow Nov 26, 1791

Mr Geo m^d Glasgow
and
Public affairs

2d Dec 1792

My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst.

Dear Sir

Gloucester 2^d April
1792

Mr Dempster forwarded to me
some time ago your letter with Mr Briggs estimate
which Mr Haeslin here thought reasonable & probably
it may be as moderate as that of any other in
the place. — I was very glad when Mr
Dempster informed me that you had consented
to be an Adventurer in our plan, of attempting
the introduction of a new Manufacture into
Switzerland. The plan was concerted when I was
at Skibo last harvest — & on Mr D — & Mr Capt
coming here — therefore matters were more
fully finished. — I assure you it is more from
Patriotic motives — than that of Profit — that any
one of us here have entered into it — & chiefly
indeed to oblige Mr Dempster & myself — that
the other Gentlemen here did — at same time
I am thoroughly convinced that if the common
people in the Country acts with rationality
& moderation in their charge for Labour — that
it cannot fail of turning out profitable to the
Country — & beneficial to the Countries of both
Switzerland & Ross.

We know very well, that we have a field & a full
Consumption for all the Goods that can be made
there. We were uncommonly fortunate
in getting Mr Ramsay - for our Manager - Since
the time that I engaged him for that purpose
our Partners here are become a little more
 sanguine of Profits. That a resolution is made
to admit no more new Partners - But to leave
it optional to the Partners here. ~~In the other~~
Partners of the place it - to advance more ^{money} &
increase their Shares. Ramsay is a young man
on whose principles of honour - Integrity - Attention
& Sobriety - we may all place unlimited confidence
We have the strongest proof of these - and he is
an excellent Cotton Spinner & ^{a good deal} knows of Manufacturing
also & keeping Books & Accounts - He has a very
useful Mechanical Genius - for his Business
which you ^{will} see is quite necessary after you
see his work sell every. In short my
friend - if I had not a particular attachment
to ~~your~~ ^{our} poor Country of Callan - I assure
you I could have found a more profitable
Connection for myself - with him here.
At same time I resign him with great good
will & happy shall I be if it turns out
a Benefit to the Country. It is not in my
power to write you so fully of every thing
as I could wish - having many letters & instructions
to send with Ramsay.

Now I find that the whole burden of all these
matters on poor Peter - lies most completely
on my own shoulders - who had enough to
do before - however I will cheerfully go thro
with it - similar matters are fairly sold a long
often will give it up to a clerk or manager
& will only require a little Superintendency
The name of Cole brought in your friend Mr. ^{W. H. W.} ~~W. H. W.~~
as a ~~£100~~ partner - he at first declined - but ~~he~~
applied - & we took him in - as well as another
friend of Mr. Dempster - a gentleman at London
also who maybe an useful Partner & Agent
there in time.

You will readily see my letters to
Actuary - & instructions to Mr. Ramsay -
& elsewhere I must refer - I am sure they are
all very incomplete - as many material things
may occur hereafter - which at present cannot
be thought of - Our opinion here is to
give £250 to be agreed from Mr. Dempster of ~~Shrewsbury~~
for the Manufacture to succeed - it will be much
wanted - to this Mr. D. agrees - & to give it at any
reasonable price we please - Now as we are
strangers to these matters - we must refer the
whole of fee duty to you & Actuary & any others you
choose to consult - George offers his assistance
in any thing necessary - & in case of a rejection
he may be a very useful hand - I know neither Mr.
Dempster or us - wants any advantage of one another.
I doubt not but Mr. Ramsay will meet with every
countenance & support - I beg you offer my best respects
to Mr. Frazer who is unacquainted - & I am with regard
Dear Sir Yours &c. G. D. Macdonald

Copy
of
Conharts Schoonboordship
of
The Batavia Company
1792.

This Contract of Copartnership entered into & executed by & between the several persons herein after named & designed. Witnesseth That Whereas It has been proposed to attempt the establishment of a Cotton Manufactory in the County of Sutherland And Whereas the several persons aforesaid have agreed to enter into Copartnership for that purpose more with a View of introducing into that Country a Manufacture which may be useful and give Bread to the poor class of Inhabitants than with the prospect of any immediate profit to the partners (And Whereas it is judged necessary to establish certain Rules & Conditions for carrying on the said Business & to enter into a regular Contract for that end) Therefore the persons aforesaid & designed have associated and Do hereby Associate themselves into a Company for the purpose aforesaid And bind & Oblige themselves to be concerned in and to carry on in partnership together at Balnace in the County of Sutherland aforesaid the Business of manufacturing coarse Cotton and shawl Cloths Cheesb. Sherting and other Goods of a plain coarse and simple fabric or any other Goods which may be judged most advantageous for the general purpose of this Copartnership During the term and space of seven years from & after 2^d February 1792 years under the form of The Balnace Company and under the Rules and Conditions specified in the Articles under written.

1st The Capital input Stock of the Company shall be £3000 St. but with power to the partners or two third parts of them in value from time to time to enlarge the same as they may judge proper by extending the input Stock of the present partners or by admitting new partners. The said Stock shall be divided into Shares of £100 St. each. And one partner shall not have right or be entitled to hold more than 4 Shares. In this Stock and in the trade & business hereby undertaken the parties shall be interested and concerned respectively to the extent aforesaid viz.

	Shares	Brought Over	Shares
Geo. Dempster Esq. of Dunich	2 £200	In Fraser & Gordon to the County of Suthd	1 100
Cap. John Hamilton Dempster of Dunich	2 200	Wm Munro Esq. of Achany	1 100
David Dale Esq. Merch. in Glasgow	2 200	Wm Robertson Esq. Merch. in Glasgow	1 100
Geo. M. J. Esq. Merch. in Glasgow	2 200	In Robertson Esq. Merch. in Glasgow	1 100
Robt. Dunmore Esq. Merch. in Glasgow	1 100	And Wm Robertson Esq. Merch. in Glasgow	1 100
Wm Gillespie Esq. Cashier in Underloan	1 100	Berj. Chas. Merch. in Sam	1 100
Robt. Bogle Esq. of Dalduie	1 100	David Scott Esq. Member of Parliam	1 100
Nugent Gilchrist Esq. of Cupisdole	1 100	for the County of Horke	1 100
Carried Over	12 £1200		19 £1900

And the Sums corresponding to the remaining 11 Shares shall be advanced by the persons abovenamed in the proportions aforesaid, or new partners shall be assumed for the same as the present partners or the Majority of them in Value shall determine. Ind

Which Sums they severally Bind an Oblige themselves to advance & pay to the Cashier to be appointed by the Company upon one Month previous Notice at the times & in the manner to be agreed and fixed upon by the Managers of the

the Company, as the Exigencies of the Business may require; And the said parties shall be entitled to profit, or shall suffer loss, if any be, consequent on said Business in proportion to their said respective Shares in this concern; And in the same proportions the said parties shall be bound to relieve each other of all Debts and Engagements which are or may be entered into by the Company, and regularly entered in their Books.

2d... The Parties residing in Glasgow and its Neighbourhood, are hereby appointed a standing Committee (any 5 of them a Quorum) for managing & conducting the whole Affairs & Business of the Company with power to them or their Quorum, if they judge it necessary & expedient to appoint a Sub-Committee to act under their directions; And also with power to them by themselves or the said Sub-Committee to engage & appoint proper Persons for acting as Clerks or Managers of the Business at Balmoe.

3d... The said Committee at Glasgow shall have power to name & appoint any one or two of their own number, to use the Name or subscribe for the Company in all transactions relative to their Business But declaring that it shall not be lawful to norm the power of the other parties, or any of the Companies Managers or Clerks in Glasgow or at Balmoe, to sign for or in name of the Company in any Business whatever, without being first expressly empowered or authorised so to do by the said Committee or Sub-Committee; And declaring that all transactions made or Vouchers granted by any of the partners or their said managers or Clerks contrary to this Stipulation shall be void & null & of no force or effect.

4th... The said Committee shall act, And the Business shall be transacted & managed agreeable to the directions & instructions, & under the Control of the whole partners or of the major part of them, in respect of Value at general Meetings of the Company. And it shall not be lawful to or in the power of the said Committee to borrow money in the Company's name even for the Company's use either by permanent or temporary Loans or on Cash Account with any banking Company without Consent of the whole partners, Or of two thirds of them in point of value in the concern. And in case any money shall be borrowed by the Company with consent aforesaid, the Bonds or other Vouchers to be granted for the same shall bear the money to have been borrowed for the use of the Company, and a distinct note of each Bond or other Voucher shall be recorded in the Books of the Company expressing the sum borrowed the Person in whom borrowed, the time of pay, and the date of Int.

5th... One Clerk or more if found necessary shall be kept at Glasgow by the Company for assisting in making their Sales & keeping the Books which shall be patent to the Partners and every one of them at all convenient times, And it shall be lawful to the standing Committee before Appointed, And they are hereby Authorised to

to engage such Clerks or Clerks in name of the Company at such rate of Wages as they may think proper And to allow such Clerk or Clerks or any of them a Share in the Business if judged proper for his or their better encouragement to devote their or his whole time and Attention to the Service and Interest of the Company

6th ... The forsaid standing Committee shall also have power by themselves or the said Subcommittee to engage in name of the Company one or more expert Weaver or Weavers to reside at Balnoe to instruct Apprentices in the Art of Weaving, and manage that Department of the Companys Business And also to engage a Clerk or Clerks to superintend the Business at Balnoe to keep accurate Books of the Companys transactions there, And likewise in case as is intended the Company shall extend their Business to the Spinning of Cotton yarn, the said Committee shall have power to engage one or more experienced Cotton Spinner or Cotton Spinners to manage this particular Branch at Balnoe And the said Committee are authorised to contract with such Weavers, Clerks and Cotton Spinners for such Periods as they may judge proper or to agree for adequate Wages, And also in case they judge expedient to agree for the pay to allow any of them of a certain Allowance on the profits to be made on the Business over & above their Wages as an encouragement to them to use their utmost exertions for promoting the Companys Interest

7th ... The managing Servants at Balnoe shall monthly or oftner if appointed by the forsaid Committee transmitt to the Managers or the Clerk appointed by them at Glasgow Stated of the transactions at Balnoe And the Books of the Company at Glasgow shall be brought to a regular Balance once every year Beginning on the first lawful day of March 1793 Years. And thence forth continuing to be balanced on the said first lawful day of March yearly during this Copartnership, and a Doquet Subjoined or referring to the yearly Balances shall be entered in the Companys Books, whereby after making a proper Allowance for bad and dubious debts, & other Burdens, and for the wear and Wear of the Companys Utensils and Machinery the value of each Partners Share and Interest in the Concern shall be ascertained, and the said Doquet being signed by the Partners residing in or near Glasgow, shall bear faith & be probative in all matters of accounting among the whole partners or others concerned in the funds of the Company, and a Copy of the said Balance shall within 6 weeks after the time of Balancing yearly, be sent to each of the partners

8th ... The said parties shall be bound firmly to adhere to each other and to contribute their utmost endeavours for advancing the Interest of the Copartnership, and not to withdraw any of the forsaid Stock or the profits to be made thereon till the Dissolution of the Copartnership only the Interest of each partner in his Stock shall be paid out And

Annually provided the same can be done without diminishing the Capital Stock
9th. It shall be lawful to & in the power of the partners or three fourths of them
in point of value in the Concern to dissolve the Copartnership & put an end to
the business hereby undertaken at the expiration of any year of the foraid
And in the event that during each of three successive years a loss
should happen on the Business of more than the Interest of the money
employed in the trade Then it shall be lawful to and in power of
any of the partners to Withdraw from the Concern provided he in-
timate his Intention of Withdrawing to the preses of the said stand-
ing Committee at Glasgow within 6 months after the Expiration of
the said 3 years In presence of a Notary and Witnesses as use is
And in this case, the trade Stock & Estate of the Company shall
dissolve And are hereby assigned & disposed and
Made over to the remaining partners And the partner so intimat-
ing shall be obliged to withdraw And the remaining partners shall be
obliged to pay out the value of each partners share & Interest in the
Concern as ascertained by the Minute authenticating the last balance
of the Companys books previous to such Intimation at the expiry of
12 months after the said Intimation And the remaining standing
partners of the Company shall be obliged in this case to relieve the Partner
withdrawing of the whole Debts & Engagements owing & entered into by the
Company & to report discharges thereof within 12 months after the time of
Intimation But declaring that in every case of a partners intimating his In-
tention of withdrawing as aforesaid, it shall be lawful to & in the Option
of the other partners of the Company or the Major part of them instead of
paying out the withdrawing partners share as aforesaid to dissolve &
put an end to this Copartnership Providing always that Intimation
be made of the exercise of this Option to the party intimating as aforesaid per-
sonally or at his dwelling place in presence of a Notary & Witnesses as
used within 3 Months after the Intimation made by him And in this
case the Concern shall be wound up in the manner to be after provided
10th. In case of the decease or bankruptcy of any of the partners during this
Copartnership, the trade Stock & Estate of the Company shall dissolve
And are hereby made over to the surviving & solvent partners exclusive of
the heirs of deceasing or executors of bankrupt or insolvent partners, But
those having right shall be obliged to Withdraw And the surviving & solvent
partners shall in every such case be bound to pay to those having right
the Value of the deceasing or insolvent partners share in the Concern
which shall be ascertained and be paye in the same manner as is provided
in the former Article in the case of a partner withdrawing And in
this case the surviving & solvent partners shall be bound to relieve
the heirs or executors of deceasing or insolvent partners and to report Dis-
charges of the Companys Debts as in the manner before provided

11th It shall be lawful to and in the power of the partners or their Majority of them in Value to make such other Regulations & provisions concerning the Trade hereby undertaken not inconsistent with these Articles as to them shall seem meet which being entered & signed in the Sederunt Books of the Company shall be equally binding on all concerned as if the same was herein contained.

12th In case of any disputes or differences happen to arise among the partners of the Company or between the Surviving Solvent partners and the heirs of the deceased or the executors of the insolvent partners or in any other respect relating to the premises, all such differences shall be submitted in time to time as the same shall happen And they are hereby accordingly submitted to the decision and decreet Arbitral of the persons who shall hold the Office of Solicitor General of Scotland, and Dean of the Faculty of Advocates for the time of such Disputes occurring as the Arbiters named by the parties And in case of their differing in Opinion then to the decision & Decree Arbitral of the person who shall for the time hold the Office of Lord Advocate for Scotland as Overseer named for the Parties, with all the powers usually committed to Arbiters & Overseers And declaring that the said Arbiters & Overseer shall be entitled & are hereby empowered to judge of the said differences, and shall continue to be Arbiters & Overseers. Altho the disputes may not be determined during the time of their continuing in the said Offices of Solicitor General of Scotland & Lord Advocate respectively.

13th The said Parties hereby declare and agree that in the Event of the said Trade & business being continued after the expiration of the said 7 Years then these presents in so far as not altered by subsequent Agreement of the parties in their Books of Sederunt shall be observed & remain in full force during the Continuance of the said business And when the concern comes to an end, or is dissolved, the affairs & business of the Company shall be wound up in manner following Vizt. The whole Goods on hand Utensils Machinery & all other Effects & Subjects whatsoever belonging to the Company (the outstanding Debts owing to them only excepted) shall be sold by Auction in lots previously advertised in the news papers and shall be conveyed to the highest Bidders on giving sufficient Vouchers & Security to the Satisfaction of the Company for the price or value thereof payable to the Company or their Collector as mentioned at the end of 6 or 12 Months after the time of Sale by equal portions with Interest from the several terms of pay. And the outstanding debts owing to the Company including the value of their Machinery Utensils Effects and Subjects to be sold as aforesaid shall be collected & recovered by such person as the parties interested or the Major part of them in point of value & Interest in the Concern shall appoint. he always finding sufficient Security for his Intromissions & being allowed a moderate & reasonable Gratification for his trouble. And the said Collector shall in the first place from the Sum recovered by him pay off the whole Debts owing by the Company as ascertained by the Company's Books And thereafter shall

divide & pay the same of the proceeds from time to time as the same is recovered
to and among the parties interested according to their several Rights
Interests in this Copartnership And in case the whole Debt owing
to the Company be not collected or recovered before the expiration of
2 years from the time the Copartnership comes to an end or is dis-
solved Such of the debts as shall be outstanding at the expiration
of the said 2 years shall be sold by Group (after being previously
advertised) and conveyed to the highest Bidder on giving suffi-
cient Vouchers and Security to the satisfaction of the parties inter-
ested payable to them according to their several Rights Interests
at the expiration of 6 or 12 months after the date of the Group
by equal portions with fit in the several terms of payment
until paid

And Lastly the said parties declare these presents to be the
fundamental Rules & Conditions upon which the for said Copart-
nership was entered into, and in terms of which the for said
Manufactory and Business is to be carried on, and to which
the partners and their Shares & Interests in the Concern
are and shall be subjected And they bind & Oblige
themselves and their heirs and Successors in good faith to
perform and observe their respective parts of the same, and of any other
Rules and Alterations thereof and Additions thereto which shall
be made entered & signed in the Company's Books in manner
before mentioned And of any Decree or Decrees Arbitral to
follow on the Submission or Submissions before written under the
penalty of £500.00 to be paid by each party failing for each failure
to his quoties to the party observing or willing to observe all our
performance And further but without prejudice to the personal
Obligation above written each of the said parties Doth hereby As-
sign Dispose and Make over to the said Company or other
partners thereof his own share and Interest in the Concern and
debts effects Machinery Utensils Stock and Estate thereof in
Security of the paym^t of the debts due and to become by the Com-
pany in the first place, And in Security of the paym^t of any debts
owing by himself to the Company in the next place And in general
in Security of the performance & Observance of his part of the premises
And they consent to the Magistrat^s hereof in the Books of Council & Ses-
sion or of any other proper Court that letters of homing on 6 days charge
& all other legal execution may pass upon a Dec^t to be interposed hereto in
usual form And constitute their privy
for that purpose In Witness whereof the 3 preceding pages written
on Stamp paper by John Hall Clerk to Robert Graham Writer in Glasgow
are subscribed by the said parties as follows Viz^t

States relative to Balance from Mr. Macintosh's Acct.

Subscriptions

Mr Dempster	200
Capt Dempster	200
Mr Dale	300
Mr Macintosh	300
Mr Danmore	100
Mr Gillespie	100
Mr Hogg	100
Mr Fraser	49.14.
Carried forward	1449.14.

Prot Over	1449.14.
Adhany	100
Mr Jm Robertson	100
Mr Jm Robertson	100
Mr Andw Robertson	100
Mr Benj. Mof	100
Mr Scott	100
Capt Maltray	100
Mr Robt M'Kay	100
Mr John M'Kintosh	100
	2349.14.

Dr Balance which would seem to be Cullay's for the 6th

To Amot of 1 st page, exclusive of the article of 541.13.3	200.00
To proportion of Managers Sally &c. p. 3 last article out one	80.00
To 7 first Articles on page 3d	2150.11.57
To the Article for the Lands of Spanidale on page 1 st	41.13.8
To manufacturing Utensils on page 3d	180.8
To 9 Articles for building houses &c. on p ^a	1510.8.9
To 4 Art ^s for large wheel Watermill & Camp	603.17.16
To 10 Art ^s for carding Engines &c with necessary Utensils	665.12.53
	5432.12.39
Balance	33212.13
	59854.5

Contra Led^r which would seem to be the 6th 11/11/11

By Subscriptions as above	2349.14.
By Mr Macintosh	388.110
By Dale and Macintosh	639.11.3
By Mr Dale	398.17.11
By Bank of Scotland	728.1.7
By Bells Hayle	713.17.21
By Mr Ramsay	112.12.2
By Mr Jm & A Robertson	118.8.8
By Mary Brown	139.11
By 12 smaller Articles at the end	3902.9
	12417.11
	59854.5

Abst.
Mr. Macintosh's Acct
with Balance Co
16th Nov 1794(?)

Mr Geo m, Jno 36
Glasgow

10 July 1793

Copy with all
a copy of the proceedings
in the case of the Glasgow

Robert
Buchanan

Edm^d
Camp



Dornoch

Copy of the proceedings
in the case of the Glasgow

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At Glasgow the first day of July
One thousand seven hundred & ninety
five years

The Partners of the Bal-
nac Camps residing in and about Glasgow being
called this day to attend a meeting as a general Commit-
tee to consider the state and affairs of the Company's
Business & to give directions to the Sub Committee of
what measures were thought most proper & eligible
to be followed with regard to the further & future prosecu-
tion of their Trade and Mr Macintosh having form-
erly represented in his circular letter to each of the Part-
ners with a state of their Balance the situation & pro-
spects of the business and having now produced letters
from Mr Dempster & from Mr Gilchrist (of which
a copy is annexed) two of the Partners who had cal-
led lately a meeting at Dornoch of the other Gentlemen
concerned residing in Sutherland and Ross whose
opinion it was that the Business should not be
given up But that money should be borrowed
to carry it on The Partners here are of the same
opinion and notwithstanding of the obstacles &
difficulties which have hitherto occurred in attempt-
ing to establish this manufactory in the County
of Sutherland which was begun and entered into
by the Partners here entirely from benevolence
and friendly motives and a wish for introducing
an useful manufactory into that and the neigh-
bouring County But which the Country People
tho' indolence & want of experience do not seem
ready to encourage by coming cheerfully forward
to learn the weaving & spinning Trades & thereby
earn money by labour and industry yet the
Partners

Partners have expected that this a little further continuance
& perseverance of the business that their own interest
will produce upon them the happy effect intended
by this Company for them and the Country They
therefore in conjunction with the Sentiments of
the other Party in the North Resolve to continue
a little further the prosecution of the Business and
in Terms of the fourth Article of the Contract of
Copartnership approve of borrowing a sum not exceed-
ing Two thousand five hundred pounds Sterling on
the Companys Credit by Bond Bill or otherwise
with the view and intent of carrying on the
manufactory But not to lay out any more
in Houses or Buildings and therefore do now
authorize and empower the Sub Committee to
procure the Loan mentioned for the above
purpose not exceeding Two thousand five hundred
pounds Sterling.

The meeting nominate Mr^r
William Gillespie to act as one of the Sub Committee
in the room of our worthy deceased Partner Mr^r
Andrew Robertson. and that the present Sub-
Committee do now consist of Mess^{rs} Dale
Gillespie & Macintosh.

Glasgow 10 July 1793

Dear Sir

May last — which I deferred answering, until I had got a meeting held of the Partners here — which took place the 1st June — a copy of their Act of Association — I send you enclosed — for your own use — the other contains information — a copy of which I also sent Mr. Dempster — to which I refer you. —

The partners here are of opinion that our good indolent lazy, conceited people, will in a little time become industrious — when they come to feel it their own interest. — and that is the principal thing that at present appears against the burroughs. —

The money now proposed to be further advanced — is entirely intended for the carrying on of the Manufacture — & no further advances to be on houses & buildings — and it is our opinion that what is thus laid out on the Manufacture will be always good for themselves — so that any fear of loss (in case of deserting the plan) is entirely insinuated — that by this artificial advance there is a chance of preventing loss, if the business succeeds and of doing good to the country. — which for my own part was my principal motive from first. —

I intend being North in August. — to see further how things are like to do. — But does not but the younger Partners in the country would be a little more active in the matter. —

Yours with much regard

Deer Sir

Yours very sincerely

Geo. Macdonald

Dear Sir

Aspsdale 24th June 1815.

In consequence of an commanding I hereby make
you an offer for you Fee of Spinningdale of the sum of
Two Thousand Pounds Sterling including the whole Houses, machinery
and moveable utensils whatever, payable the said price in manner
following viz. Four Hundred Pounds Sterling at the term of Martinmas
Eighteen hundred and sixteen, Four Hundred Pounds at Martinmas
Eighteen hundred and seventeen, Four Hundred Pounds at Martin-
mas Eighteen hundred and eighteen, Four Hundred Pounds at Martin-
mas Eighteen hundred and nineteen, and the remaining Four hundred
at Martinmas Eighteen hundred and Twenty. The whole bearing
Interest at five per cent from the term of Martinmas first, when
my entry is to commence to the whole Subjects. Only it is to
be understood, that I shall have entry to the old mill and such
other Houses upon the west side of the water as are unoccupied as
soon after this date, as I may find convenient, for the purpose of
preparing for carrying on a Tannery and palm trade, and to be
allowed to dig pits in front of the old house & repair the
decaying buildings &c. &c. -

I shall require no conveyance from you until the whole of
the purchase money is paid up, when you are to grant me
a regular and formal conveyance to the Subjects containing all
usual and necessary clauses - It is understood that you are to
pay all Fee and other duties and public burdens prior to Martinmas
first, and that I am to free and relieve you of the whole in all
time thereafter -

Your acceptance of this offer on the back of this letter

Reverse side.

(Reverse side) Dear Sir,

I am your Obedient Servant
Robert Mackie.
Robert Mackie.