

Spinningdale 24th Oct, 1798

Sir

I wrote You some time ago, which I hope You have received; It is with the greatest pleasure I inform You, that Business in general goes on here, better than it did for some time back. The Boys understand the working of the Copsies, much better, and are more reconciled to them daily, and come tolerable^{speed} with them considering the badness of the year. There are two Boxes with wels come to hand, two days ago. I hope there will be no stop this winter for want of Tools. The two Weavers I mentioned to You, in my last, have deserted us, and gone with the other recruits to Aberdeen but got very good cautioners before they left the Dornoch goal. The masons are constantly at work, and will in a short time be done with the House. There being only
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one gable to finish, and a small piece of the other. There is
also two flats of the mill ready plastered, and I believe
the rest will be very soon finished; There are eight men em-
ployed this day, in cleaning the Drain, which might have
been done long ere now, had Mr. Campbell that active turn
which business of this kind requires, the weather is now
turned so very cold, and the day so short, there is no man
can be had here to work at it, for less than a shilling per
day, and scarcely for that same; Campbell's only excuse for
delaying it so long, is, that he could not get men to work but
how could he expect to get them without asking, or giving them
notice. I think the West side of the Drain, ought to be
made up with dry stone work, without which it will soon require
another repair, it being mostly all clay, and which the winter
rains and thaws, will undoubtedly loose, and great parts of the
same fall into the Drain, But Mr. Ross thinks otherwise, and
that there will be no need for fortifying it at all, in that manner,
only, casting out, what has fallen into it.

William Menderson has given up the recruiting, and all thoughts
of a Commission, he applies to his Business with more vigour, I believe
than ever he did before, he has finished a great part of the Wrights work of
the new house, & has also two men besides himself daily employed.

William Mims desires me to inform you, that he wishes you to send
him, by the vessel that carries north ^{up with} the machinery, one Hund. W^t of
single refined sugar, the same quantity of Raw sugar, Twenty Pounds
good Tea, three Barrels of Herrings, & two Barrels of salt, all as low
as possible.

And I am
Your most ^{Sir} obedient & Humble servant
John Falconer

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28 Oct 1798