

A. S. Ralphs Aug. 30th
1826

My Dear Sir.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst, & to express the high gratification which I receive from its perusal. From the natural ardency of a young mind, I was a little afraid, that my friends at a distance might charge me with an unbecoming tameness of spirit, in submitting to attacks from my brother Boston, which might easily be refuted - although, at the same time, as far as I could judge here, I was adopting the policy dictated by prudence. It gratifies me that my well-wishers in the country, agree with my own & with the opinion of my friends in this quarter & I shall soon be able to follow out the line of conduct I have adopted with more firmness & with less fear of consequences. It adds also no little to my zeal, I may perhaps to find, that my exertions are giving satisfaction. My paper is yet far from pleasing myself - but I am getting over the difficulties of a new undertaking & ~~shall~~ ^{intend} soon to adopt some material improvements in the management of my journal. Of this however in the

meanwhile I would wish you to say nothing. ^{Justices}
you freely & in perfect confidence - public promises are
dangerous thoughts in my opinion never to be made by
an Editor, till the moment of action is at hand.

I have heard several reports of what Dr. M^r Collier
have been endeavouring to accomplish in the mother country
but your letter has lifted the curtain to a further
view than I was before admitted to. - Can you procure
me a perusal of his book - the scene in Scotland.
I should esteem it a great favour if you would
forward me a copy; I shall return it speedily. Some
extracts from it would no doubt be interesting to the
public. Here it has never been heard of.

Some of your ^{my} friends have lately enclosed to me
attacks upon the Report of the Glasgow Society of an
errata of personal nature. To these I have refused
insertion, because I do not wish, where there is such
abundance of useful & political information, to fill up
my columns with Controversy. I do not indulge in it to
defend myself, & my friends cannot be offended at me
adhering to a principle. Inter nos, I must tell you
 frankly, that I do think in seriousness that these attacks
will injure the cause they are meant to promote, &
advance that, which they intend to injure; & if you have

any confidence in any opinion, I would recommend you
to use your influence to keep your friend from entering
into this controversy.)

I regret much the difference which arose with Mr.
McKenzie about the paper. It was in part my
fault. The letter was written some days before he left
town & he did not take the paper as he said he had
already seen it. Thinking you were on terms of good-
understanding I did not conceive it necessary to break
the seal & to make an explanation.

Thanking you for your late communications I
believe me to be with my best regards to your good & dear
friend Mr. Rankine & believe me
to remain

Yours very truly

Geo: R: Young.

I trust you received ~~the letter~~
paper I transmitted by last mail.