

17. Princes Street.
Edinburgh 15th July 1856

Messrs. James Dawson & Co

Leicester & Co
Litho
Piccadilly

Dear Sirs

We are obliged by your kind favors of 15th Ult. with remittance of £100. — & directions for the disposal of it. — all of which have our best attention & the payment of our own account our best thanks.

We are somewhat puzzled what to do about the desks you Complain of. — we see you are unacquainted with the relative value of them, especially of Russia leather which rose very much in price when he was broke out & has continued high since. — Your order on 2nd July — was "2 Russ. leather Writing

Desks ea leather lined 14 in. & paper lined
12 inch " - & on the 4" Cell. - " 1 Ne
plus ultra Writing Desk ea 16 + 14 in
No 576" - Our charges are correct
& both articles are in daily sale over the
country - We regret much that

you are disappointed in these articles
& are quite willing to forego any profit
in the matter on our part to diminish
your loss, but fear that your proposal
of sending them back will ^{be} too heavy a
loss & invite you to consider in what
other way they can be disposed of so
as to lessen loss as much as possible
to both - Thanking you for past favors
& soliciting a continuance of them

We are Dear Sirs

Yours truly

Cowan & Co

J. Henry Simpson

