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Letter  
Rev. J. Murray  
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Given dish 10th Dec 1856

Dear Sir

At a meeting of my  
Session called for the express purpose  
to take into consideration the contents  
of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ult. I am happy  
to inform you that there was a unanimous  
vote to secure the whole works of the  
Venerable Reform whose name we  
Christians bear. And I am ordered by that  
Session to write to you to procure the  
works of John Calvin from the  
Calvin Translation Society in 4 b  
Vols. and bound in calf. This is beyond  
what I could have expected & no doubt  
beyond what you anticipated. The  
amount is large especially in this  
currency say about £ 32-15-6  
£ 27.6.3 N. S. coin and £ 31.17. Stg. that  
is if the binding in calf cost 3/4 per

Vol. a sum which I consider high. Indeed I think that the Publishers have placed his whole work high. I consider 5/ stg enough per Vol. & 2/ minus something for binding. How can we have determined upon ordering this work as described by you in your letter. Of the amount necessary to meet this outlay we have the Townsend Bequest amount £12 and in the hand of the session just now £9 in all £ 21. Island Currency or £4 stg and the session hope that you will be able to give them some little time to pay off the balance.

I have thought that it would be better because so far not to send the amount we have enclosed in a letter & take it with me when I go to Ligon in the

Spring. besides there is just now  
a great difficulty in procuring  
Novoscotia or New Brunswick  
notes. Our Bank in Ch Lou  
seems to have cleared the Island of  
all other notes. And I have not  
as yet learned whether our  
notes will go in the other  
provinces at the rate of 16/8 for  
the Novoscotia pound.

I have not heard any thing  
of the missing Review No. 15.

The last parcel I received from  
you contained 2 Vols. viz Bullion  
& Bank Reader & Cicero Orator  
but the young man for whom I ordered  
wished Cicero by Bellin. & not as  
you have sent the Edinburgh Edition.

I had almost forgot to say that the  
Session wishes Calvus works Labeled  
the in Edinburgh thus Townsend Ministers  
Cong. Library Vol. — we wish it

Nearly done. but if it go beyond  
10/10 they will dispense with it  
altogether. Indeed I think Oliver  
& Boyz might have it done  
gratis. But I suppose they  
will not be deputed to in  
such matters yet if you gave  
them a hint to this effect it  
might be the means of  
securing our end more cheaply.

Dr. Hays, did you deal  
with Mr. Romano?

but not

received this (2 vols)

to go to

I will leave this  
to your choice.

Probably it would make the label more  
accurate to have it thus.

Torrens's minister's Cong<sup>r</sup> Library  
Levensworth New London  
Vol.

Could you not forward without  
delay Bulkow's Sallust, as the  
young man to whom or rather for whom  
you sent the last parcel to me, can not  
do much without it. Be particular  
please & send if at all Bulkow's edit.

With much respect

A Dawson Esq I am yours truly  
Isaac Munn

P.S. I have thought since writing the  
above that binding some what cheaper might do us  
good we not get them bound with calf backs & corners. I know the  
lession would agree with me in getting them if it would be much cheaper