

Edinburgh 16th July 1842

W. L. W. Dawson

Dear Sir

My Father in law being much engaged in consequence of Walter's absence in the country, and Packet time being at hand; he has requested me to write you a few lines.

I called on Mr Lawson but he was out of town, and only returned a few days ago, he desired me to express his great regret for the error of asking payment of an account which was ^{previously} paid, and at once paid the two postages; - one of which I will apply in paying this letter, and you will please send your next unpaid, which will exhaust the sum of 2/4 received.

The sum was entered in Mr Lawson's Cash Book as received, but had by mistake been put to the Credit of "Nursery" instead of "Mr Dawson". I saw through the error at once, but they were not likely ever to have discovered or been convinced of it, without the receipt, which shows the importance of keeping all such vouchers.

All the family at Windmill Street are well, which all consists of Mr, Mrs and Miss Mercer (late Miss Margaret)

Miss Maria having been joined in the bands of
Matrimony with Mr George Primrose, Musselburgh
on the 6th Instant. Mr P. is a Manufacturer
of Hair and Hair Cloth and is a very excellent young
man — the connection is every way likely to prove
a happy one.

Mrs Cleghorn ~~got~~ was
safely delivered of a Daughter on the 3rd and both
are continuing to do very well. There is
little else to communicate that I remember of
Mrs Bell with the family, and Coll Mathewson are
quite well.

Miss Mercer (for I must
give her new title) requests me to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of 30th May, and to say
that she intended to write a slip to be put into
this letter but was called out to go to the country
and could not overtake it.

I have an engagement waiting me in
a few minutes which compels me to close
and wishing you and your Parents, health
and every comfort

Remain
Dear Sir
Yours truly
Peter Bell

Business is generally bad here, but we
also have the prospect of a good crop which
will do something to ameliorate the condition of
the people

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for David

Letter from Mrs Beecher

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Mr J. W. Dawson

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