

Begin Cases off. *Barrow* 20

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Baird on June 27th 1816

My dear father, If I should finish this letter in the same manner as several others I have begun to write - it will never leave Baird for if I cannot finish my letter before I be disturbed or called off - I can never look at it again - I had several letters write to my old companions to send by Mrs. Landers, but I was disappointed of seeing her before she left Olney. I have not forgot them I shall write sometimes but I have been so busy that this part of the Country is more healthy at present than it has been for a number of years back as I understand from a neighbouring Surgeon which I am very intimate with. It was he that attended Baird on chiefly the short time it was with a surgeon I am all got acquainted with a Physician that has given up his profession to become a Methodist preacher, he sits at

a town called Bingley 3 miles distant but
preaches in the Methodist Chapel here every
other Sunday he gives his advice gratis on
the Mondays and he is often called out to some
of his hearers but takes no fee - He has chiefly
recommended me in this neighbourhood

But I have still another circumstance to
inform you that I have got an invitation
to dinner tomorrow to the first Gentlemen
of the town and I understand I
am to be their family surgeon - at least to
the children & servants - This came through
the former doctor that was in the town
who is at present on a visit to the family
and old friends - I have been his company
several times - indeed he comes often to the
house - ~~Indeed~~ I have been more lucky
of succeeding in my business than any one
can expect - I came here about the middle
of March - I attended two women in that
month - but in the month of April I atten-
ded ten and bring to twelve children into
the world - it is as many as I wish to have
in a month - trade is very dull at present
which will bring the money more slowly

28th Have been at dinner & have very good encourage-
ment indeed - The town in general healthy the
and neighbourhood is principally manufactory
of coarsest grade - Part clothmaking & part
Cotton - Scotland is remarked for scruple
but it is not 100 part is bad as this I never
saw the Merbyshire Wheat writer I came
here the fourth part of the women I think
have it - Have you had any word from James
I intend to write to the post office London
to be until called for - James is
when I am - bid if you would bid
a housekeeper I should try to find a house
it would be of great advantage in certain
respects - to give out medicine - to inform
people when I am gone too if the should call
at night &c - I heard from Alice & Luke on
Sunday last - they are well and kind -
Give M. & Luke my kind respects - and all
friends - Hope you are quite recovered
and are all well - Mention the news -
Yours truly John Campbell