

**Letter to William Campbell 27<sup>th</sup> June 1816 (Misc 316)**

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My dear father,

If I shall finish this letter in the same measure as several others I have begun to write it will never leave Baildo. 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 wrote to my former companions to send by Mrs Landobie but I was disappointed of seeing her before she left Otley. I have not forgot them. I shall write sometime but I have been still busy though this part of the country is more healthy 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 Baildon chiefly the short time it was without a surgeon. I am also got acquainted with a physician that has given up his profession to become a Methodist preacher. He stays at a town called Bingley 3 miles distant but teaches in the Methodist Chapel here every other Sunday and 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 gentleman's house in this town and understand I am to be their family surgeon at least to the children and servants. This came through the same doctor that was in this town who is at present on a visit to the family and old friends. I have been in his company several times – indeed he comes often to this house.

I have been more lucky of succeeding in my business than anyone can expect. I came here about the middle of March. I attended two women in that month, but in the month of April I attended ten and brought twelve children into the world – it is as many as I wish to have in a month. Trade is very acute at present which will bring the money more steady in.

28<sup>th</sup>. I have been at dinner and have very good encouragement indeed. The town and neighbourhood is principally manufacturing of worsted goods – part clothmaking and part cotton. Scotland is remarked far scroful but it is not 100 part is bad as this. I rarely saw the Derby Shine Knack until 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 lie until called for. I am ? where I am but if you would send me a housekeeper I should try to find a ?work it would be of great advantage in certain respects – to give out medicine – to inform people where I am gone to if they should call at night time.

I heard from Alex and Fleur on Sunday last – they are ?care and kind. Give R. McTurk my kind respects – send all friends. I hope you are quite recovered and are all well. Mention the news.

Yours truly, John Campbell.