

May 22, 1810.

male line — My daughter is a Munro we  
 say much of her as we say here — very like  
 my family in person, warm hearted & affec-  
 tuate, and her abilities appear to me of a su-  
 perior order — but I am of course partial —  
 Many thanks my kind friend for your cordial  
 wishes that I may one day visit the vines  
 of your plantation, but I am too far advan-  
 ced in life to expect ever to take so long a jour-  
 ney; — I don't <sup>however</sup> despair of seeing you & yours  
 again one of these days in this country, &  
 that we may <sup>then</sup> visit together the land of our  
 forefathers — Lady Munro joins me  
 in every sentiment of regard to yourself  
 Mrs. Munro, & family and I remain my  
 Dear Sir most cordially yours  
 J. Munro

Hamgate May 22. 1810

My dear Sir  
 Your kind favor of the 18<sup>th</sup> of October  
 was delivered to me by Mr. Maurice, the day  
 previous to my departure for this place, where  
 I am come in order to try what sea-air & the  
 tepid salt-water bath will do for me, having been  
 since the beginning of last year confined to the  
 house by an asthenic debility in my limbs, which  
 had been gradually running on for some time, &  
 which at the period I before mentioned, wholly  
 disabled me from stirring from my own fire-  
 side, or attending my duty at the Custom House,  
 which you may believe, was a great mortification  
 on — and more especially as the disorder did  
 not at all attack my head, for my memory is  
 thank God! as perfect as ever, & as equal to  
 business, so that I have not entirely resigned  
 my employment, which I hope to resume as  
 soon as I am able to be conveyed backword

I forwarded to the Custom House in my carriage  
for I have been so long accustomed to the con-  
tinue of business, that it would be a punish-  
ment to me to live without - For indeed could  
I afford to do so at present, for my little brother  
estates are not yet in my possession, as the  
law suit which was commenced on the part of  
his natural children is not yet terminated,  
so that excepting the place of Dover, & the  
policy around it, the rest is ~~is~~ still in the  
hands of Justice - I went down there in the  
Summer of 1807, & brought Lady Munn & her  
children safe back again to London against the  
winter - They were all enthusiastically fond of  
the country, but my habits, & time of life, unfit me  
for entering into the pleasures of the field or of  
farming, which is the chief enjoyment attached  
to a country life - It afforded us sincere plea-  
sure to hear that Mrs Munn & yourself are  
settled so much to your satisfaction, and that

you have established your amiable daughter to  
your wish, & we trust by the account you give  
of Mr. Hay, that she has every prospect  
of happiness - her being settled near you is  
also a great comfort, & in the meantime you  
have the amusement of attending to the edu-  
cation of your other promising girl, who  
we trust will continue a delight to her in-  
dulgent parents - My own family are in  
the same state as you left them - My eldest  
son is stout & handsome, but makes little  
or no intellectual progress - His brother is a fine  
lively spirited boy, & his master gives an ex-  
cellent account of him - He is placed with a  
Urgyeman at Richmond about 10 miles from  
London - Publick Schools, are much the fashion  
with us at present, but such is the dissipation  
& early vice imbibed in them, that neither  
Lady Munn or myself feel courageous enough  
to oppose the morals & constitution of one  
who forms the chief hopes of our family in the