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Dear Sir

I was very much gratified to receive a letter from you, thro' the hands of Mr. Skipwith, while you were at Washington last winter. If I had any merit with yr. son it was in writing to him as I sho^d. have done to my own, had I had one, & he been at a distance from me. I gave him good advice on the idea that all young men require it, under such circumstances, but really without any other motive in his case. He rec^d. it as a good & dutiful boy ought to do, and I declare to you that every thing that I have ever heard of him is in his favor. The young men from the University who come here, of whom I have seen many, speak well of him; so that I am persuaded you will find him answer all the expectations you have promised yourself of his improvement. I enclosed your letter to him, gave him my address here, and invited

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him to see me in case he visits London, as I presumed he would do before he returned home. He acknowledged the rec^t of my letter, with yours, informed me that his coming would take place about this time, after which he should come, & would certainly visit me. I shall continue to represent you in what concerns him, if he arrives before I set out for the U.S. One observation I must make which is, that a pound stry. counts here, in house keeping, & the expenses of education, with a doll^r. in Virginia. I believe no young man can be supported at Edinburgh, even with economy, under £ 200. stry. per year.

The few hints you were so kind as to give me, of the state of things with us, surprised & hurt me. you said however too little for me to comprehend fully your allusions. Since other friends have suggested similar ideas & left me in a great measure in the dark as to their meaning. They all supposed that I am correctly informed of every thing that passes, whereas I know nothing. I have corresponded with no one out of the adm^t. I have neglected

all my other friends, from matters they would, as I was convinced, approve when they knew them, or rather when they reflected on them, being those of prudence in regard to the danger attending such communications in a foreign & domestic view. In return none have written me. you will be sensible that

I cannot get away till our business is concluded nor in some mode. Of the state or prospect I can say nothing, because much depends on Mr. P. or with whom I have had much communication but who is now sick of dropsical symptoms. If he recovers I have great confidence we shall do well, & if he does not we may. you may be assured that I will do every thing in my power to promote success. I have had much anxiety & labor since I left home, little gratification or comfort. I have done my duty in the best manner I could, and shall therefore come home with that satisfaction at least. I am dear Sir
your friend & servant
J. M. MORRIS