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Are you not surpris'd to hear from Newry  
from your quondam pupil John Edgars? Don't you wonder  
how I could ask out your Residence, and find your address? — But  
possibly I'm fishing before the Net (to use a Scotch proverb) and this  
may not reach you so easily as I imagine — The by-grounds  
of my Information come to this — It was a Quaker, a Mr. Niblock,  
from Dublin, I believe, accompanied by a Mr. Adams, a Scotch man, is  
in this Town, and 'twas from Adams I learnt the Street & No. of your  
lodging; I had letters sometime ago from the family of Monaghan,  
from a James Edgars, the Acquaintance & Companion of my Seven-  
ite Days, by which I learn'd that he had seen you in Dublin,  
and that you still recollect'd your former Tutor. Embolden'd by this,  
I was impatient to hear from yourself, but could not then procure  
your Address. Now that I am put upon the track, I beg you would not  
look upon it as a piece of presumptuous Vanity, but as arising from  
a real Esteem for yourself, & Regard for our Country. Perhaps you  
never expected to hear from me in Ireland — neither did I myself  
about a twelvemonth ago, yet here I am, thro' the . . . . . But more  
till I see you in this Town, which I hope will be soon. In the mean time  
if this comes to you, I beg you would write me, tell me all your News,  
& when you expect to be in Newry — I have not the Pleasure of being  
acquainted with the Gentleman who is along with you, but I hope a country  
man's Compl't will not offend. One more I desire you would write, & direct to  
me at Mr. Acton's North Street, Newry —

I am, Sir, sincerely Yours  
John Edgars