



Dumfries

The 1<sup>st</sup> 1766

The plan of Education in our High School having been of late greatly enlarged & improved, & several Gentlemen both in the Town & neighbourhood have expressed the advantage of placing their Children here, under the tuition of such an excellent & careful Teacher as the present, by the quick progress they make in the knowledge of their own & other Languages, by their being initiated at the same time in almost every branch of polite Learning & by their having an opportunity of being taught the most valuable Masters - These considerations make them earnestly desire that some method were fallen upon to extend the plan still farther, so that young men not designed for any of the learned professions

The situation of the Town being pleasant & healthy - the expense of Boarding less than one half lower than in Edinburgh, & there being few temptations to dissipation & vices in comparison with large Cities, & a such a school still the more easy to be rendered a such a school might be happily accomplished if our School was in possession of a proper Philosophical apparatus, so as a course of natural & experimental Philosophy could be introduced amongst the Gentlemen & Scholars, but known to be strictly connected with the most common occupations & most useful arts of life, as it assists the industry of the Merchant, Farmer & Mechanick, & as upon it are founded all those improvements which contribute to the comfort & convenience of life -