

St. Cyrus 23rd Sept. 1778

Dear Sir

In consequence of my promise the last time
I had the pleasure of seeing you, I spoke to some
of the principal Gentlemen in Montrose about your
elegant apparatus, your success in performing experiments
and the encouragement which you are justly met with
from the first Gentlemen in the first city of the Kingdom
the Inhabitants of Montrose, have said to us but small
are disposed to give attend you if you give them an op-
portunity. The Provost is a Physician, and one
of the established Clergymen in town, have desired me
to write you, in order to get a satisfying answer to the
following particulars. What is the smallest number
of subscribers for which you could think of attending?
Whether of double this number should be made up, you
would give each of them a book at half the price?
At

at what rate might a Gentleman whose curiosity led
him to view any particular experiment attend a single
Lecture? At what price might you think of
beginning a Class at Newbosc? & how long would
you take to finish your course. You will be
so good as write with respect to these particulars in
your Letter should authorize me to take in
subscriptions upon such terms as you think fit.
at the same time it must be ^{expressed in such manner} ~~expressed in such manner~~
that it may be shown to the public. This therefore
the number of subscribers at first that you would wish
for, yet I imagine that afterwards this number might
increase when curiosity had led them to see you
subit. The easier you terms or your number will
probably be the greater however you must be the best
Judge of these matters. As Capt. Robt. Lighton of this
Newbosc Packet is just now at Tuth. if you would
send by him two or three more of your Syllabus it
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