

Sir

I am just now favoured with your letter wherein I find that Mr Tennant has been rather premature in taking away your Books, when he came to demand them. I strongly objected against it and told him it was time enough when you came yourself notwithstanding he took them away and insisted on having the Desk also which I absolutely refused, telling ^{him} you was extremely welcome to the use of the rooms as long as you had occasion for them as they are not yett sett, he than said you wanted no favours of me and spoke in a very indiscreet manner, upon which I told him I would settle matters with you myself I shall therefore take care of your Desk and other things till you return, Am very glad to hear you are so successfull in Galloway hope you will soon acquire a fortune My Mother and sisters join me in best Compts to you and am

Sir

Your Much Oblig'd Hum: Servt

Dumfries 26th May
1779

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Mr James Dinsidie

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26 May 1779

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