

I. Leonard  
18 July 1783

Richard Dalton Esq  
Attendant to His Majesty  
St. James's

Dear Sir

M<sup>r</sup>. Denisidde a very Ingenious Gentleman in Natural  
Philosophy, having Business in London, I have taken the Opportunity of  
desiring him to call on you, and that you would be so good by him to Inform  
me what the Price is, of a complete Set of Pirenus's Works, uncorrected, & if  
you have a spare Set to dispose off, or any N<sup>o</sup> of Old Vols, and what they are.

The Suddenness, and great Secrecy in which I was obliged to leave  
London, prevented me from the pleasure of taking leave of many Friends,  
among those I hope you will excuse me; and be Glad of my Success here.

I presume you have heard that I am creating a New Custom house,  
the extent is near 400 by 200 ft on the Fronts of Stone, The Principal  
One to the South of Portland; The Design is much Approved, and when  
is done I have the pleasure to relate, gives Universal Satisfaction.

If you have Leisure to shew M<sup>r</sup>. Denisidde any part of the  
Library, you will much oblige me. I hope you enjoy your health;  
and beg my Compliments to M<sup>r</sup>. Dalton. I am Dear Sir

Yours much obliged  
and very humble Servant

Gandon

N<sup>o</sup>. 7 Mucklenburgh Street Dublin  
18<sup>th</sup> July 83

E. Sandon

18 July 1783

M<sup>r</sup> R. Paton, Wardsour Street  
near Oxford Street

Sunday 18th July 1783

So

The Village 17 July 83

Dear Paton

M<sup>r</sup> Dinwiddie an Ingenious Gentleman, will  
 take an Opportunity of presenting this, to you. He is among the few in  
 place, that has a Thirst after Knowledge; I do not mean that kind of  
 Knowledge that will require Six Bottles to quench, No, He is too  
 a Natural for That; That is to say, a Natural Philosopher. He  
 $A = B \times C$  for he changes Among the Heavens, therefore his  
 are sometimes lost in a Fog, and his Intentions Mist; I sh<sup>d</sup>  
 be much Obliged to you for any facility shewn to him, If you  
 Inclined to Acquaint me with any thing relative to yourself, you may  
 trust him will do it; But charge him not to let it escape out of his Mouth  
 untill he hears the quiet Proving of the N & S, Bull, or the more Gentle  
 Cry of Dublin Bay harings; Or if you are Inclined to Taciturnity as  
 of Late, and say nothing. I have enclosed my Answer, so you have the  
 Song & Book for the above price. Among the several enquiries I have  
 after you, I see you have committed some blasted & extraordinary Act  
 for which the Devil will owe you a Grudge, and you will be damn'd to  
 ever lasting Fame or Smoak, for making fire appear on Canvas, hotter  
 than his Sulphurous Majesty. You have totally forgot such a  
 Man as I, or rather the other side of the water; How is your health  
 established, and are you still a full Star; I think if you was to enter  
 a fair

D. if you visit Pandemonium, he must think it no less  
than the Musick of the Spheres, My Complts to Mr Stewart &  
his Lady, his Infant Manufactory I hope is in a prosperous  
way I am Dear Paton

Your Most Sincere friend

Gandon

J. Gordon  
19 July 1783

The Pres<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Mosholom

Greenwich

Dublin 19<sup>th</sup> July 1783

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure by This, of Introducing  
M<sup>r</sup> Dinwidie a Gentleman who has spent his Life in the Vain  
pursuit of knowledge and despising the things of this World, I very  
believe has often filled his Head at the expence of his Belly. You will  
oblige me, by shewing him the Magic Lantern on the Hill, together  
with all the New found out Old Inventions,  
For crying Green hasting with an Engine.

He is a notorious Star Gazer, better Acquainted with the houses  
belonging to the Planets than his Own Lodgings, As for my Part  
the New Custom house at Dublin, I think worth all the Houses in  
the Aerial Regions. The people of this place say it will be the  
most Noble and Superb of all possible Buildings, and that I may get  
sufficient to enable me to pay Taxes in Poor Old England; for I still  
have a hankering after the Beauties of Greenwich, and 200 Miles round,  
please to give my Compliments to M<sup>r</sup> Stewart of some night; M<sup>r</sup> Dinwidie  
will satisfy you as to further particulars about I, therefore shall say no  
more of myself than I am Dear Sir

Yours much Obliged &  
very humble Servant  
Gordon