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Edinburgh 13th Nov. 1780.

In monday next I propose leaving this agreeable City, but have not the smallest intention of paying my respects to You in person till the next Birthday, so that you must at last suspend your joy at the idea of seeing me till that distant period. You pretend to be very much occupied with attendance on the P.R. I can assure you I am no less so, in preparing for my departure; and as I think it not improbable that I may visit the West Indies before my return to Scotland, I have given up my house and have been and still am ~~and still~~ ^{very} busy arranging my Affairs. Upon my arrival at Welwyn I shall write to you, but till I do so shall not expect to hear from

you. His permission to be idle, will I suspect be perfectly agreeable to your lazyness.

Are the people south of Tweed distracted? What did L^t Beauclerc mean by his behaviour to the D^{ch} of Montagu & Co. He ought to be forbid to appear in the Royal presence & Prince Arce. & Drick's military promotion & intended journey pleased me. I hope both he & the P. of W. will have sensible men about them. Young ones will ruin them both. L^t & Lady Cathcart arrived here a fortnight ago. They are at Shaw Park, but I expect them in Edin^g tomorrow in their way to London. Lady C. is by no means a Beauty, but has something very pleasing in her countenance. They both seem happy & contented. The D. of A. proposes to pass away his time in the Country till after Christmas. I like your character of Mr Warhill as much as I formerly liked him, and really long to meet with him. I had almost forgot to tell you that J. Hope is at his father's,

he enquired much about you & threatens to write to you. He goes to England in a few days. Adieu. Believe me ever, yours, very sincerely & affectionately
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