

Dear Sir

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I received your agreeable & kind letter of the 3^d June last, which I should have answered sooner if the hurry, confusion & perturbation I have been in would have permitted me: I have now almost forgot how to write or spell I having dropt necessarily all manner of correspondence from the time I was made Prisoner at Ghent; we thought at that time that what related to physick & surgery in the castel would at least be kept sacred, Mons^r de Chicagneau & Mons^r de la Peyronie made us hope so & even the King declared us free but afterwards the prime Ministers were of a different opinion; so that you see in a low affair it may sometimes so happen that even a great Monarch has not interest & credit enough with his chiefs to keep his word.

I assure you, my Dear Sir, I am much affected with the calamitys War necessarily brings along with it: If we were to preside & have a proper sway in the Councils of Princes we should make them all agree & introduce peace plenty ease joy & comfort amongst many now unhappy mortals. I am uncertain how long I shall stay in this country, but wherever I go you shall always some way or other hear from me. I had the pleasure of seeing here my old friend Pierre Cornabe lately who came to see the Army & his Brother who is aid de Camp to Prince of Walde.

The bearer of this Mr David Cormac is a nephew of mine, he studied some time at Edinburg; his profession is surgery, & this summer he has been in our Hospital, but for further improvement I thought it right he should go to Paris & there complete himself as much as possible: His Father has a numerous family, wherefore the young man will be obliged to be quite economical. I think it will be the best for him to be boarded with the Surgeon of the 'Charité' & there to dress & do every thing that can be allowed to a forcing young Surgeon to do. You will very much oblige me in assisting him with your good advice & to allow him to see you now & then.

The Dictionary of James is in no great esteem in England & as you observe judgement is not a little wanted.

I'm glad to see the Marchioness your Sister in Law is quite restored to her perfect health, Which I hope will continue. Your nephew Mr Carmichael & I left England about the same time I have heard nothing of him since if he is dead or alive; my Father was a little too rigorous with him.

A Gentleman in England has found a method of augmenting the effect of a load Stone & that considerably in a few minutes; he also makes artificial load stones of one may so call them, that by much surpass the natural

ones. The *Lexicon Minerale reale* of Henckel who died¹⁷⁸
about a year & a half ago will be printed at Dresden
he was a friend of Mons^r Cropp a Chemist at Paris
who is likewise dead. I should be glad to know if
th^y latter left a cabinet of Minerals to be disposed
of.
My address is Medecin de L'Hopital Britannique
a Anvers.

If I stay here th^y Winter as I conjecture I shall,
I believe I shall be tempted to make a little excursion
to Holland to see our old friends, some of whom were
in great pain about me when they heard of Ghent;
being surprised & that we were hardly treated, which
was very far from being so; on the contrary several of
the French Officers were very polite to me especially
the Marquis D'Heronville.

With assurance of my sincere esteem I remain
Dear Sir
Your real friend &
most humble servant

Antwerp 2. Nov^r 1745

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Le 12. Xbre

A Monsieur
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