

By June 1822
of Mr. John West
Booth



Mr. James
to the
Procurator
Near Helms



to

In consequence of the Duke of Roxburgh's very
obliging patronage I have been hitherto regularly supplied
with fine stone from Spruntown quarry for the address
which I am at present building to my house at
Aberdeenshire, and the workmen have accordingly plenty
of work at present in hand. I understand however
that owing to some temporary cause the quarry at
Spruntown is not at present working and you will
forgive my natural anxiety to know when it is again
likely to go on and to express my hope that if it all con-
venient it may be in time to answer the rest of my
demand which is a pretty large one. I would not
have given you this trouble were it not that I should
sustain considerable inconvenience from any chance
that should prevent my getting my building roofed in

Woful in by the end of the season.

I remain Sir

Your obedient servant

Edinburgh
6th June --

Walter Scott

1022

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My dear Sir

I will call on you in Charlotte Street when I get clear of the court today having a few words to say to you Yours truly

Walter Scott

[8 July 1825]

Sir

In consequence of the Duke of Roxburghe's very obliging ---- I have been ---- regularly supplied with fire-stone from Sp-- quarry for the addition which I am at present building to my house at Abbotsford, and the workmen have accordingly plenty of work at present in hand. I understand however that owing to some temporary cause the quarry at Sp--- is not at present working and you will forgive my natural anxiety to know when it is again likely to go on and to express my hope that if it all convenient it may be in time to answer the use of my demand which is a pretty large one. I would not have given you this trouble were it not that I should sustain considerable inconvenience from any chance that should prevent my getting my building roofed in by the end of the season.

I remain Sir

Your obedient Servant

Walter Scott

Edinburgh

6 June

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[addressed to Mr. Innes, ????, Near Kelso; docketed 6 June 1822, red wax seal]

Sir

I was honoured with your letter accompanying a volume of poems which I found lying for me upon my return to town three days ago, a circumstance which I notice as occasioning my apparent delay in returning my thanks for the favour. I am afraid there is some mistake in your supposing me a member of the Society you mention at least I do not at present recollect that I have that honour and concur that you have been misled by some similarity of name. But I am not the less obliged to the chance which has given me an opportunity returning thanks to you for the pleasure

with which I have perused your volume of poetry and of expressing my high opinion
of the author's talents. I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Walter Scott

Edinburgh 14 November