

of 1801 - and we could not stop
it - We removed to Glasgow
where we received many civilities
both from the Corporation & the University

We are advancing south
-ward, but slowly - for my daughter
could bear harsh weather

My best respects to the
Madam - If Lewis is stirring in
in Town when I get there, he shall
have it

I am very faithfully
your Lady's Obedt
Catherine Bridges
Oct. 14. 1821

Stowell

Baroness Howland

Dear Lady Marjory

I received your Lady-
ship's Letter at Carlisle -
I assure you I enjoy my little
Triumph with great Moderation -
so much the more commendable,
after it had produced me such
a Consequence as the Honors of
a Letter from you - The Duke has
I think settled the Controversy very
decidedly - I have little doubt that
the Latin Word aperis, I open
has an original Connection with
the opening of Rivers - and
I should incline to think that the
French ouvrir is of a kindred Race
That is rather little Controversy
remains, into which the Duke has

not yet interested - I hear the
Machab controversy. If you wish
for a little disputation, you need
doubt that it signifies the son of
a Knaive - I can't read that it
was the son of the Abbot - It
certainly appeared to me very un-
probable that any family, and
particularly a gentleman's family
should take their denomination from so
disgraceful an appellation - and
I thought I remembered what
you conversed, but likewise from
good with the Abbot, that it was
otherwise. At the D. of Montrose
I met with a Book, in which I
think I had before seen it, and
was in Possession of the Book - a Book
entitled "The History of the
The Book of the Book, and the
of the ancient names of the

Principal Highland Clans!
first printed at Glasgow in
1723 - and that it has
been followed by 2 others. In
that Book I find this entry,
"Machab descended from a son
of the first Abbot of Melrose,
a numerous Sett in Ireland, call-
ing themselves the Labbanies
(from their descent from the Scotch
"Machab" or "Abbots")! This
& contrary opinion are by
Dyce - Will you favour me
with your Lordship's opinion
there to it. The Book is of the
best authority on such a subject.
Since we left your pleasant
Sojourn, we spent a ten days
with the Montrose family - eager
to get into the Highlands, but it
rained (as we say in England) lets