

Home, James an Werner, Abraham Gottlob Edinburgh, 26.03.1789

[1] Edinburgh March 20th 1789

Sir

Since I left Freyberg I have often written to you and to M. Von Ooppel, but I have never received any answer to my letters. _ Surely neither of you are so much engaged in business that you could not have a little vacant time to have written to an old friend who shall always remember with pleasure the days that he spent amongst you. _ Attributing therefore the cause of your silence rather to the accidents which are unavoidable in so distant a correspondence than to a studied neglect on your parts, and wishing to cherish such valuable friendships & acquaintance I now write you and again assure you of my sincere esteem and regard. _

In my last letter to you which I wrote about a year ago, soon after I had returned home, I offered to send you Specimens from this Country which contains many things extremely curious and whose [2] oryctology has puzzled me more than that of any other country I ever saw. I repeat the same offer at present & hope that you will point out the mode by which they may be sent. _

I intend this summer along with a large party of Gentlemen to make an expedition to Iceland, the ship is already hired & the month of June is the time fixed upon for sailing. This I hope will prove a very interesting expedition to me who have seen all the volcanoes of Italy, the Lipari islands & and who staid four weeks upon Etna along with the Chevalier Dolomieu , (who has written an account of the Lipari isles) as my letter from Rome gave you a particular account. As I must even consider you as my master & instructor in Mineralogy & as the First in that Science in Europe., and as I know your experience reading I shall be obliged to you for all the information that you can give me of ~~this~~ Iceland which has hitherto been very little visited by travellers. If you would wish to have any Specimens from that country I shall share with you such as I bring, along with some very curious volcanick productions of Italy, the Lipari islands and of Etna & the rest of Sicily. _ [3] Have you favoured the world with any more of your excellent writings since I left Freyberg which was in July 1784? _ Have any works of consequence in the Science of Mineralogy lately appeared in the other parts of Germany? _ How are all my old friends that I left behind me in Freyberg? Remember me to them all, especially to Mess^{rs}= Von Ooppel, Charpentier, Mons^r & Madame Klotsch my old ~~Land~~ Hosts &^c, &c, . _ what has become of Henrichmair who was at Freyberg when I wa[s t]here. _

Wishing you all Happiness

Believe me to be

Dear Sir

your admirer & friend

James Home. _

P.S. My address is

Monsr: J. Home _ Edinbourg. _

And you may write in any language but in the Roman character. _

[4] A Monsieur

Monsieur Abraham Gottlob Werner

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en Saxe.

Bemerkungen