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Dear Sir

I had the pleasure of your favor of 1st May by Mr. Robertson yesterday, covering the expected letters for Ireland. I shall forward them in one cover to Lewis Bryson by the Capt. Fallon of Belfast, who goes out as passenger in the Bellington. You will naturally inquire why I do not myself take charge of them. You may have heard me say that I once expected to take a trip to Havanna to look after the large debts to which some of my most intimate friends are heirs. Yesterday I received a letter from Glasgow of 24th Feby warning me not to proceed into the interior, for that a power of Attorney, with other documents would be forwarded to me by the Packet in April. This has determined me not to proceed directly for Europe. I am aware of all the difficulties I may have to encounter both here & at Havanna; but the sums due are very large; my friends are in narrow circumstances, & there is a probability of rendering them, & their connexions comfortable for life. Should I succeed in so doing, it will ever be a source of pleasure to me: Should I fail, I shall have the pleasing reflection of having done for them what lay in my power. A house at Havanna has offered to advance the necessary law ex-

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