

This is the sum total of what passed. Before I conclude, however, I must say you seem to have been rather cut with some of the expressions I used in my last card to you. If this is the case, I have just to say that men have a right to differ in their opinion; and I can assure you that my mind is open to conviction, and so I believe is the majority of my constituents (excuse me for saying a majority.) You say you are neither young, mad, nor inexperienced. This I knew before you expressed yourself in that manner. I am none of those who believe a man mad when he is condemned by the money-catching part of the community because he has followed the dictates of a benevolent heart. If ever we should meet, which I earnestly hope we may, you will find me both young and inexperienced. Do not think we are indifferent to your proposal. No: I believe you will (if you promise to come) be anxiously expected and warmly received. You will therefore excuse this hasty scrawl; and, in the meantime, I remain yours respectfully,

CHARLES M'KAY.

*Robt. Gourlay, Esq.*

No. 5.

*Leith, 27th May 1829.*

DEAR SIR—Yours of yesterday is received. I was not cut with your expressions, nor cast down because of opinions. The Duke of Wellington, to whom I had written on the same subject the week before, was as contemptuous of my opinions as your brother weavers can be, and the chief magistrate of this place has been more so; but I only leave them to enjoy it.

I would be with you without delay, but have business on hand here. I trouble you at present to beg your particular address—your place of residence in Glasgow, as I may send you a parcel, and write at greater length, if sure there would be no miscarriages. You can satisfy me of this by return of post, without consultation. I need scarcely say, that the heart-rending accounts from manufacturing towns touch me; but we must be cautious in expressing feeling.

ROB. GOURLAY.

*Mr. Charles M'Kay.*

No. 6.

*Glasgow, June 1, 1829.*

DEAR SIR—I acknowledge the receipt of yours of date 27th May, and on account of my having removed my former place of call, it did not reach me until this day. As you want to be informed of my place of residence, I have to state that I live about a mile from Glasgow, at a place called Drygate Toll, and by calling at Mr. John Barrie's, grocer there, you will find me; or if you have any parcel to send, you can direct to the care of Mr. John M'Kechnie, Elephant Tavern, 27, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

I do not wonder that your plans, or any plan for ameliorating the condition of the industrious poor, should be treated with contempt by