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London, 1, St. Dunstons Terrace City Road
July 20th 1830

My dear Sir

I wish not trouble you or impose by apologizing to you for writing to you which I presume you will consider unnecessary particularly when I tell you that it is solely on the score of humanity that I do so -

I think that I once addressed a letter to you before on behalf of your relative Barbara Matthews, but which it is probable never reached you - The poor creature is certainly in a very deplorable condition, and in fact is half starved - She has I understand beggared every thing but the clothes she is actually wearing in order to support herself, and from the foolish manner in which she has been brought up she is quite incapable of any kind of employment by which she can support herself - I beg you will not suppose I have exaggerated her distress to you - I can have no motive for doing so -

Very

chief reason for writing is to suggest that ^{you} will allow her
an annuity say of at least £12 per annum - I advise you
to let it be paid through Woburn or any other respectable
channel, but certainly not through Cotton, whose integrity
I have some reasons for doubting - If you object to this
plan would it not be better for you to have her out
with you, and you might be able to derive some advantage
from her services? Whatever you will do for the poor
and must be done promptly; and I trust I need
not say more to urge you to the performance of this
Christian duty which will be indeed an act of charity.

I am very glad to hear of the success you have
met with in New Brunswick Land. - I am joggling on
here & getting little more than a bare subsistence
which is not to be wondered at when I state you that
there are at least 40 medical men practicing within
a quarter of a mile of my residence - I wish you could

hold out every encouragement for me in your party of the
world - It will give me great pleasure to hear from you
and with my best wishes for your happiness, believe me
my dear Sir, Your sincere friend & old fellow student

J. D. Mitchell

P. S. I do not know whether you were ever informed
that the £60 Barbara received as well as £10 Spauld
had been placed in the late Mrs. Inwood's hands by
her and with the exception of a few shillings was
never returned to her in consequence of the unfortunate
state of Mrs. J's affairs at the time of her death.

Dr. Geo. J. Strong

Surgeon Mitchell
1720th 1838



Dr. Geo. Sawyer Storey

Great Swan Port.

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