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My Dear D^r Kirk

I am glad to hear that you are enjoying yourself so famously I too had a turn in the Highlands by Staffa & Iona & Ulva & Mull. the weather was delightful and my native air quite set me up again. I got a free passage & a ticket

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"at any time to & from any place" See what it is to come from such ancestors - ! My ancestral Hall presents walls only which have never been high & the corn patches were small but I was glad I saw it. I had a very delightful trip and today have sat down to my speech the thought of which always brings a cold shiver

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over me. I shall say that you will be there & hold forth on the botany & natural history - Shall I?

I intended to have gone into Syme's

hands ere now
but dont like
to get my infirmities
put into the News
papers. The bleeding
has stopped & I
feel very well.
Syme said that he
believed it was a
mistake to think
the haemorrhoids

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relieved the portal
system. I know
it relieved headache
in me often -
Thomas is much
better and at Youngs
I am going to Bath
of course - Worse
luck. the Portuguese
Duprat & Laviadio
have been at Waller
pumping him as to
whether I shall be at
Bath. Waller says now
for shot grape &
cannister - Rowley
wanted Wikatani &
Chuma home from
Bombay to lionaze with
them Ever &c David Livingstone