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My Dearest Willy

I find by your letter of last night to your mother that

you were to return to Southgate yesterday. I therefore according to

finances now enclose you PO order for £5 which I have no doubt

you require tho~ you did not say so. Acknowledge receipt

Papa returned last night from the Perth Council meeting having also visited, [Kinmonth][[1]](#footnote-1) spent a couple of nights at Dunkeld and attended the Blairgowrie road meeting. He was absent all together 6 days. I was quite unable to be present at any of the Meetings –

I think Mama & Jane[Emny] contemplate going to Tirinie [[2]](#footnote-2)tomorrow for 2 or 3 days, Katie remains at home. We have now the most delightful weather possible.

This week the potatoes will be planted and the next operation will be the preparing the turnips field. The fishing season has now commenced but I fear I shall not be able to participate in the enjoyment.

I am afraid Mrs Johnstone[[3]](#footnote-3) is dangerously ill & should her illness terminate fatally it will be a sad shock to your Mama.

I am glad you enjoyed your visit to Bisham & that the Vansittarts[[4]](#footnote-4) were so kind. I suppose it is a very pretty county.

Grandmama continues pretty much the same & walks out with me every good day.The new Shrubbery looks very nice & when completed which it will be when the [Skye] [men] arrive, which they are expected to do this week, [will] [be] a decided improvement to the place.

All send you their love & I remain

My Dear Willy

yours very affte

P Small Keir

*Ref.letter3toWKfrom grandpapa*

1. Kinmonth is the estate P Small Keir (Grandpapa) inherited from his maternal Uncle Patrick Keir in 1810. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Tirinie is the house of Robert Menzies ( Willy’s Uncle) on the Menzies’s estate. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Mrs Augusta Johnstone of Alva is a friend of Willy’s mother. The Johnstones lived at Alva House a very large mansion in Alva. Mr James Johnstone (04/07/1801 – 24/02/1888) was an MP for Clackmannshire from June 1851 to 1857 election. Mrs Johnstone died in 1859. She was also the sister of Lady Menzies

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