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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

[0003]

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

[0004]
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