

15th March. '07

To

ENSAY,
OBBE,
N.B.

John Grant Esq.

Dear Sir,

Very many
thanks for your letter. It is
most kind of you dedicating a
Piobaireachd to me, and I assume
you consider it a very great
compliment. If however I might
make the suggestion that you
would dedicate it to the Society
it would be paying a high
compliment to a large number
of your countrymen who are
doing what they can to help
a cause in which it is a pleasure
to find one so capable and interested
as you are. I was quite under
the mistaken impression that the
art of Piob^t. Composition was lost,
and I am very glad to find I was
under a misapprehension.

I shall be most interested to hear
your views, and the moment
I get to Edinburgh I shall put
myself in communication with you,
with a view to having the pleasure
of making your acquaintance.
I quite intended to have been
in Edinburgh before now,
but I had a very serious
illness last Autumn, and I
have not yet got quite over
it, & that has prevented my
leaving home. I hope however
early next month to be able
to go.

The copies of the times you
kindly did for me were
first rate and just what I
wanted, and I must say
I envy & admire your

ability in doing them in so short
a time and so correctly.

I should like to say that getting
copies made was a matter of business,
& which I entrusted to Mr. Mackenzie
Gillie, and I hope therefore you
will look on it entirely in that
light and let me know what
I am in your debt for all the
work you did.

I am looking forward with
pleasure to seeing some more
specimens of your illumination,
as I used to do a little myself
in that way, and it always
makes one ^{better} understand and
appreciate the work of another.
~~letter~~. Thanking you again for your
very kind letter, I am
Yours faithfully
William Stewart