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Dear Mr. Macbeth,

when I was in Scotland Mr. Robertson handed me over the photograph of your children, which I am now returning herewith.

Judging from the photograph they would rake a delightful group, which I hear you would like me to paint.

I have been so much away from home this summer that I much regret I cannot make any promise to avoil myself of your kind invitation to stay with you and enjoy some sport and paint the posterit there, which I would very such have liked to do. I am so busy during the whole of the rest of this your that I will be obliged to postpone it, but I hope, if convenient to you, to be able to do it early next year. Meanwhile probably I may have the opportunity to see you and him. Meanwhile probably I may have the could arrange it I could paint the portrait here.

I would be very glad to hear from your about your desires regarding the portrait.

I greatly regret that the portrait of Mrs. Encbeth was not included in the Exhibition at Dundes, it would cortainly have added to the interest. We had a very delightful two days there, and I feel very happy to know that the citizens of Dundes and the people of the surrounding country take so worm an interest in my work.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Macbath. Locking forward to the pleasure of hearing from you.

I em, Yours sincerely,