

James Russell's 1821 letter regarding dissection case



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James Russell (1754-1836) was admitted FRCSEd in 1777. He was President of the College 1796 - 1797. Pictured here as a boy, with his father, James Russell, Professor of Natural Philosophy, James went on to have a great interest in art and literature, had a fine collection of paintings and was a friend of Sir Walter Scott

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Letter to the Gas Company

Mounted letter from James Russell to the Managers of the Gas Light Company requesting that they prevail upon the friends of the late John Cairns "to allow his head to be inspected privately". It is described as an "exceedingly interesting" case. Dr Grant would conduct the dissection and the body would not be in the least disfigured.
