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Dear Peter,

On behalf of the Council of the Bailies, I should like to thank you for the fascinating publication relating the history of your family. It is most appropriate that a copy should be available for information and research amongst 'Danny's Library' in the Bailies room. There is now a rule that no book is to be removed from the Bailies' room, but anyone is welcome to use any book for interest or research, as the library is so representative of the literature of the North East of Scotland.

I enjoyed reading the book, and found the extra information from the Statistical Accounts added to the interest of what could be just a list of ancestors' names. Having dabbled in my own family history, I appreciate the amount of painstaking work involved in producing so detailed a tree, and the difficulty in getting people to put pen to paper to describe their recollections.

As suggested, I gave my father a chance to read the book, and he is most interested. However, I have made it clear that I must hand it to Jim Glennie, librarian to the Bailies as soon as possible in view of its intrinsic value and its exclusivity.

Congratulations to the many contributors to the book, and to Fiona and yourself for such a scholarly production. It might even stimulate me to try and emulate you in writing up my family research!

Yours sincerely