

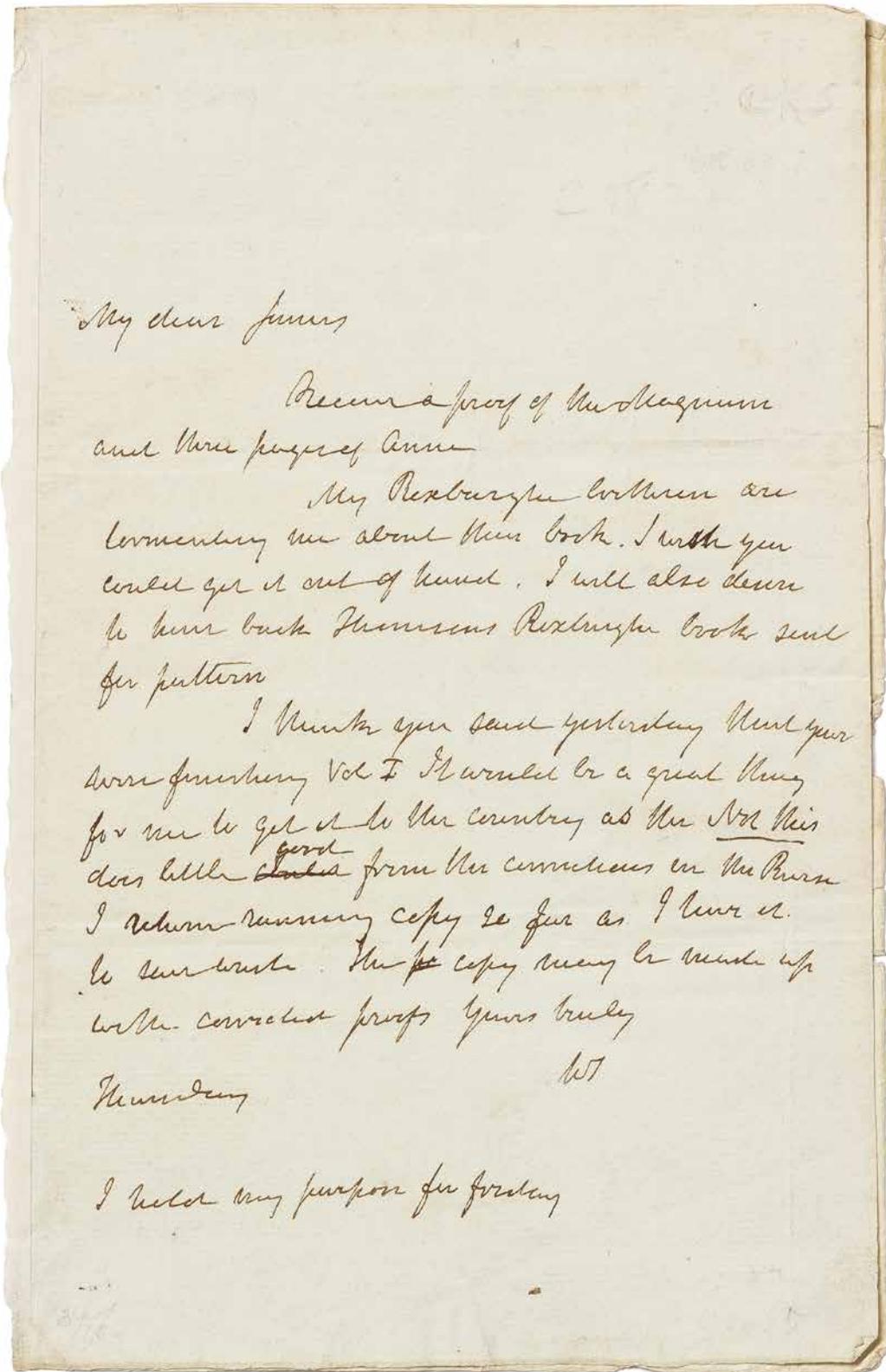
## Anne of Greirstein and the Roxburghe Club

**Sir Walter Scott**

Autograph Letter Signed ("WS") to his publisher James Ballantyne

Thursday, [1828?]

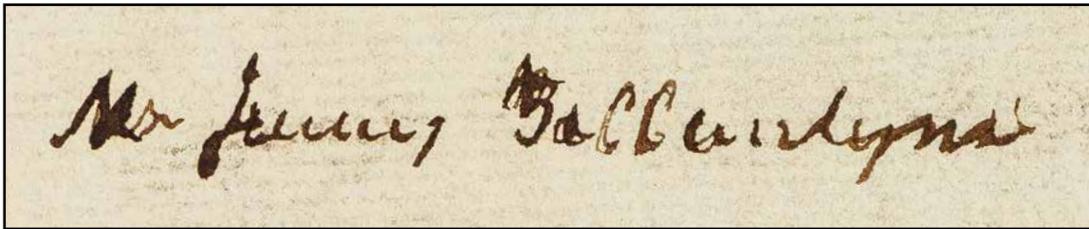
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One page letter on one page of a bifolium, last page address leaf addressed by Scott to Ballantyne. Paper remnant along the spine where it apparently had been mounted, old folds from mailing, a couple of very small nicks along the edge of the blank leaf, overall very good. A letter from the great Scottish author to his publisher ("My dear James") noting he has "Received a proof of the Magnum and three pages of Anne [of Greirstein]." He later states "I think you said yesterday that you are finishing Vol. I. It would be a great thing for me to get it to the country as the Vol. [here?] does little good from the corrections are Mrs. Burns[?]. I return running copy so far as I have it."

He also reports about a Roxburghe Club publication apparently desired of him: "My Roxburghe colleagues are tormenting me about their book. I wish you could get it out of hand. I will also [return] to him [?] Roxburghe book, sent for pattern." The Roxburghe Club is the oldest society of bibliophiles in the English-speaking world, and members were expected to produce at least one sumptuous volume to be published with the Club's imprimatur. Scott presented his contribution *Proceedings in the Court Martial held upon John, Master of Sinclair, Captain-Lieutenant in Preston's Regiment, for the Murder of Ensign Schaw of the same Regiment, and Captain Schaw, of the Royals 17 October 1708; with Correspondence respecting that Transaction* in 1828.

Scott ends with a postscript: "I hold my purpose for Friday." A nice letter showing Scott deeply engaged in writing *Anne of Greirstein*, the next to last *Waverley* novel. [BTC#426677]



Mr James Ballantyne

My dear James

Recieve a proof of the Magazine  
and three papers of Anne

My Roxburghe colleagues are  
tormenting me about their book. I wish you  
could get it out of hand. I will also desire  
to have back Thomson's Roxburghe book sent  
for pattern

I think you said yesterday that you