

LETTER

TO

DR BREWSTER FROM MR WATT.

DEAR SIR,

AT your request, I have carefully perused my late excellent friend Dr ROBISON's articles "Steam" and "Steam-Engines," in the Encyclopædia Britannica, and have made remarks upon them in such places where, either from the want of proper information, or from too great a reliance on the powers of his extraordinary memory, at a period when it probably had been weakened by a long state of acute pain, and by the remedies to which he was obliged to have recourse, he had been led into mistakes in regard to facts, and also in some places where his deductions have appeared to me to be erroneous.

There had been but very little interchange of letters between us for some years previous to his writing those articles, and our opportunities of meeting had been rare, and of short duration, and not occupied by philosophical