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Dear Brother

This Accompanyes a 2^d letter to your Son I have
Proposed to him to be a Doctor, & to learn Latin for that purpose
it is a genteel Business & Profitable & suits any Country I
mean to have him regular bred by the Study of Divinity and
whereby a man that is ^{liver} may stand a great chance to
Advance himself. I doubt not but his Natural Capacity may
Attain to it as well as another, but of this you are the best Judge
and I think if he is inclinable & goes to Latin immediately
he may ^{learn what is} requisite by the time he is so old as begin to study
that Profession. I would have you break a point for him and
if you should melt an old house it may lay a stone for him
to rebuild the whole upon, begin what you think best and
right and God may help you to go thro', for he said to Joshua
Only be thou Valiant, he was so & Conquered the Promised
Land & as this came spontaneous from my pen who knows
but it may be prophesied, I have wrote to Bro^r. James
Concerning Jack & may be he may help, let them take care
to improve & in the Spring as desired send me a letter to forward
to Quebec. We Congratulate you on the Company of your son
& Daughter M^r & M^{rs}. Hales & on the Opportunity you will
have to advise her so as to Make a good wife. This comes by your
Nephew James Irvine to whom I doubt not but you will show
proper kindness he is to be under the care of his Aunt Jean
to be sent to school. I have not heard further news of Bro^r.
Ja^s. Since I wrote you last. M^r. Isbister died at Quebec before
the Ship sailed in which he proposed coming passenger to
London being invited home of the Hudsons Bay Company
his wife & six Children sailed in that Ship in the year 70.

And has not since been heard off. His eldest daughter, Mary
still is living she was married to one Madan an Ensign or
Lieutenant in the Army. Just before her Father died. and now
is at Quebec. Betty Robister died here in the Hospital poor
Girl she was over grown of the Dropsy and when Tapped
she came from her 27 Quarts & 1 pint English. My wife
Joins in love to you & yours and all friends. I am

London May 25th 1773

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Dear Brother

Yours affectionately

M. Torrington

If Capt. Fowler should deliver any parcels or boxes to you for
M^r. Laing in Northwall be so kind as take great care and
send them to him. — I shall be glad if you have succeeded
or is likely in the recovery of Betty's sight I think it is very
proper that you should try any means and that it is your
duty so to do. pray lett ^{me} know of this the first you will. I heard
by Mays letter to her Sister that she & Betty was to go to Doubray
to an Oculist there I hope you will advise may to guard
against the snares that she may be exposed to in y^e town
which is only done by prudence & care to keep from danger
that is ^{from} being in the way of it. —

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