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Glasgow May 22^d 1813

My Dear Cousin

Hoods

You may be sure that we were very sorry at hearing that you were at home in bad health; but how was our sorrow turned into joy ~~at~~ when, Mr. Gjesten informed, us that your Disorder is removed and your Friends are in hopes of having you restored again; nothing could give us more pleasure for you have always had a very large share of our Affections - Tho' we are so far removed from our Relations yet we still retain a grateful remembrance of our most worthy ones, among whom I believe you - I hope ~~you~~ to have the happiness of seeing you yet thro' at a distant Period - I hope you will write me and let us know all about your Illness and how you are all doing in Stomachs - Mother, Margt and myself have been here a year

Glasgow is a fine flourishing City but not at all
a healthy ~~house~~ Place. none of us have been
very well since we came here, and we would
prefer being in Edinb^g, but we must try to do
our best as we have to provide for ourselves and
our Dear Mother, whom it is our duty to esteem
and support as long as we live. I hope the Lord
will prosper our undertakings so that we may
be enabled to do for her, in her old age what
she did for us, when we were young and helpless.

I hope you will be kind, to our poor servants
Petherin, and Betsy; are they still in Coubeston;
I hope the latter is much better than she was,

I need not say to you, to try and persuade
your Father to pay the little money due my
my Mother, as I know your ~~dispositions~~ Dispositions
are such, that will make you do all the good in
your power. I do not write you on this account
but that I may begin a correspondence, which

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raise our

I understand
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you are anxious
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I should wish continued, and hope it will
not fail on your part, if you are in Health.
for I still trust that you will be the prop
of our decaying Family: and we shall all
raise our heads about our enemies yet.

I understand your Mother is returned. I
hope she left Capt. & Mrs. Neugent well. —
Have the Boys remained with them or are they
returned also — I hope you will write me when
^{can as we} you are anxious to know particularly how you
are. — Mother and Margt. join in love to you
and also wish that you would remember us in
the kindest manner to your Father. Mother. Margt.
and all inquiring Friends — I hope you will be
shared for a comfort to us all yet. and my earnest
Prayer to God is that you may be blessed with His
Grace. for depend on it that is the only thing
worth seeking after in this world, as it fits us for
another and a better World. Now my dear Cousin
I hope you will seek it as the one thing needful

for we have the Lord's promise that if we seek
His Grace, every other thing shall be added unto
us. This and many more precious promises you will
find in pursuing His word of Truth (The Bible)
which has given me great comfort in Afflictions
(in sickness & pain) and still I depend on Him for
all I receive of Health or any good thing I enjoy
 Hoping to hear from you soon

Heard

Yours My Dear Cousin your Affectionate
Cousin
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& Dawson Kingate Glasgow }