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My dear Madam

Edin^o 1st Feb^{ry}
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I may truly take shame to my
self for being so very long in your debt
but as truth tells best on most occasions
I will candidly confess, that not having
written I immediately on receipt of yours as
I ought to have done, I felt an awkwardness
usual on such occasions that rendered it all
most impossible

your last kind Letter

dated 29th Dec^r, from what cause I know
not, did not come to my hand till the
24th Jan^y and I delay'd writing a few days
as I expected a member of Parliament in
town from whom I could procure a
penny - I now thank you my dear Madam
most sincerely for the friendship ^{which} ~~that~~
dictated your kind suggestion, but as the
situation in no way meets the views of any
of my Family or friends as well not

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Not wait ourselves of it. I am however not the
less obliged by your good wishes

I was much gratified
in having good accounts of you by my
son John who spent a very happy time
at Stromness. he is pers. I many obli-
gations for your kind attentions, for which
give me leave to ~~return~~ ^{return} my warm acknow-
ledgements. The snow said from Leth on
a cruise a week ago I hope they will have
better weather than formerly

I trust you shall soon hear from
Henry he is a charming steady boy
and deservedly a favorite with everyone
I have no doubt but he will prove both
an honor and comfort to you

My brother is in his usual health
sometimes complaining but a part the
whole has stood this long winter pretty
well. he desires to be kindly remembered
to you I beg you will excuse the haste

Man
rather
not poor
lose
others
who
join
as you
and

Manuscripted in this Epistle but I have been
rather late in getting my pen, and was
^{not} provident enough to be ready for it, so not to
lose it must be more concise than I would
otherwise incline, all my my young folks,
who, remember you with much affection
join me in offering you their kindest
regards with every wish for your comfort
and happiness, I ever am my dear Mother's
Yours most faithfully

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