

Yorkwall 31st March 1784

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Sir

My Sister Janet has sent me your letters to her of
the 16th Jan^y of 1782 I am glad to hear you would answer them, indeed
they surprise me not a little as well as it has hurt her more than any
thing she ever met with in life (Her Husband's death excepted) How
you come to imagine that she has money is to me amazing - consider
with yourself what was she to live on this ten years since she & her
Husband parted, let me tell you that during that period she has
not cost me less than £250 Sterl^d and had I been inclined to go
strictly to work £300 Sterl^d would not have done it - From the
time of your Brother's ~~death~~ marriage and until his departure
to Quebec he did not draw less than £300 Sterl^d by her and all
that the poor woman has in return for that sum by your
Brother's will is only one third of his effects and even of that I
see an intention of cutting her out of one third of it, but I shall
explain this matter more fully to your Brother's Executors
Mess^{rs} Johnston & Pugh in Quebec and as they are the only

Ex^{rs}

Ex^{ts} leave it to them to Judge & to clear it up. It true her
Brother by his will has allotted her £50 p^{ann} out of the
Residuum of his fortune, but when such will be recovered is more
then I or any man can say I am sure it cannot be this for
perhaps this 10 years to come tho in the mean time I am
firmly resolved she shall be provided for while I can afford it,
but do you or any person imagin that I am so blind to my
own Interest or to the welfare of my Family that if she had
any money that I would not reimburse myself for the above
sum I mentioned to you — I beg in future that in place
of Corresponding with her you would with me & I am

I am

Your Most Obedt ^{Servt}
Robert Gascoigne

Adged by

Robt. Dearing 1784

Wm. Arthur Johnston

in
Stomach

Mr Robt. Dearing
St. N. 21 March
1784

