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Dear Sister

We received your precious letter  
 but there was very little news in it  
 we sent you one last year but it  
 seems it is not come to your hand  
 there was no particular accounts in  
 it altho we expect you to write  
 we write you a few lines as you  
 know there is nothing certain if you  
 stay in Quebec write us more  
 fully how you like the place the  
 manners & ways of the people & if  
 you deal any in the mercantile line  
 & how stockings sell &c as our annual  
 anxiety is withdrawn & our family  
 not so numerous we are living  
 more retired from company & our  
 greatest happiness is in having good  
 accounts from our friends abroad  
 Marquis since you left onkeny  
 viz Mr Brebner Mrs Bell moor  
 Mr Andrew Prickie & Mrs traill of  
 Ellsworth Mr Fraiser & Miss Peggy  
 was Mrs Anne was to a Mr Robert in  
 Edinburgh Mrs Anne Scobie Capt  
 Weymes Capt of a Castineia Ship

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thankfulness to  
heavy Cross  
Deaths Sa  
Janne as  
grot  
is gon to Shetland to her Cousins  
Mrs Grierson We are dear Sisters  
yours affectionately

Katherine Jane Pealy Johnston  
Dear Brother

It gives me great pleasure  
to hear your letters to your father  
that you ended Sutch Superior  
reason to submit to the will of God  
let his will be done not ours you  
say your ebetam ~~is~~ dont think  
that rather its onley from a good  
roote that now springs up & grows  
to more perfection in you the follow  
ing is the Account my Sister Will  
& my adventuro to Esq<sup>r</sup> Mr Charl  
Moodic & Mr Lide was aboard  
Capt Thomson a Greenland vessel  
he told them that his Surge<sup>on</sup>

Was very successfull in the operat<sup>ion</sup>  
of the eye & they told us of it Jane  
Oman was bad in our house we  
sent for him to come & see her at  
the same time he looked to my eye  
he said there was hopes of success of  
a little sight which he would under-  
take if there was a surgeon in the  
place to attend father sent for  
Doctor Groat he refused to attend  
his opinion differed from the oculist  
I urged it to be made a trial of  
but Doctor Groat objected it & said  
there was no hopes of success & he was  
a stranger of no established charac<sup>ter</sup>  
he recommended me to the famous doct<sup>r</sup>  
Monro in Edinburgh if any thing cou<sup>ld</sup>  
be done it would be done by him we  
left ork by the tenth of May I  
underwent two operations by  
Doctor Monro but no success still  
I am asinid to the will of god it gave  
me great satisfaction my going to  
Edinburgh I left it in September  
we got acquainted with several good  
learned people which made

Affectionate Sister  
Hathorn's Mother

interest for Mally she commenced  
milliner & staid a girl went home  
with me. Sister Mally married  
in november to a Mr Hood that  
my father wrot you of & you  
se thair was feat in this whill  
we was thair we siced a Mr Robt  
Young from hillmarrook who  
was acquainted with Aunt  
he was at the dancing school with  
her her father is a honest indut  
ous man & has a good Carecter  
& all his family my long detail  
prevents me from any other  
subject but I know it will be  
satisfactory to you only permit  
me to advise you to make a  
parton as soon as you can buy  
no books or put out no money in  
any thing that you can keep in  
till Circumstances can be had  
you should tell your Uncle  
more of your mind as he is your  
only friend & adviser with thier  
what to do Sisters Joans me in love  
to you & Jam Deps brother yours