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My Dear Madam

I know not whether you will be most
surprised at the receipt of this unrespectful Epistle
or at the presumption of the author - but this
I well know that you have much more reason
to be surprised than offended - You owe to
friendship on my part that I have taken
such a liberty, and from the same sentiment
on yours, I expect it will not offend.

- It will serve to inform you that about three
months ago, I saw all your relations at Quebec.

- A severe series of bad health in the W^{est} Indies
obliged me last summer to proceed to the Con-
tinent of America - I landed at Charleston

South Carolina - went from thence to New York,
& from that to Quebec - Your relations were

well, but could not exactly inform me in
what part of the Orkneys you were.

Gilchrist

Should this ever reach you, it will I trust
p. give me a line to say that you are
well & happy - and should my peregrinations
in search of health lead me at any future
day towards the Orkneys, it will be my desire
to your habitation, at which I should certainly

call. — The address of this letter is par-
ticular, and I conceived it necessary it should
be so, least more than one of your name
might mislead to some other of these Islands

— Wishing you the greatest happiness that
heaven can bestow, with constant health &
your wretched good spirits

I am My Dear Madam
in great truth

Your very sincere friend

L. Gillespie —

I beg my best wishes to Mr. Johnston. —

Direct To me.

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