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112 Leadenhall Street.

S^r Uncle

I Rec^d a Letter from my Cousin John of the 5th last month
in 38 Days from Quebec, fr^m the Enterprise Capt. Robinson for
Liverpool, — wherein he Inform'd me had wrote you by the
same Opportunity, but nevertheless, desir'd I would also write
& give you the particulars of mine, as follows viz

He mentions the receipt of my Letters fr^m Capt. Boy's, by
whom he also Expected ~~to receive~~ Letters from you
I having mention'd in mine, my not hearing from you the
Orkneys, since the preceding month of October, which gave
great Uneasiness, I was fearfull of some Mournfull Change
or otherwise blames you for Inexcusable Neglect, Not writing
time enough to forward by the very first running Ships
your Letters to Mr. Brymer, & By Mr. Verghart came too late
for the first Ships this last season, all went by the fleet
in Diff^t Ships, some of which I Inclosed under Cover wth
mine, fr^m London Capt. Dickie by whom the watch went.
my Cousin begs you will be more punctual & Expeditious
for

for the future that Angerity may not Increase —

He then mentions the long Winter passed very Agreeable in his happy Situation clear of old Grievances from partiality & pityfull towards, who are Despicable & of whom he is not afraid of by G. D. — (those are his own Sentiments) he Expresses a great Satisfaction in hearing from any friend in this Quarter of the world, & earnestly wishes a Continuance of all my agreeable Novels tho' that remote part of the world does not furnish him with others in return, am at a loss to know what he means by the word Novels, I dont recollect writing any thing which require that title, unless he means a piece of News which may be a Novelty to him there. —

Please Give my Love to my Mother, acquainting her that Mr. Henry Johnston call'd upon me the other Day Inform'd me all friends in Generall were well in the Orkneys, from when they arriv'd in 8 Days in London I am surpris'd I had no Letters by them from my Mother & you, their trunk is not arriv'd from Leith as yet.

mentions that James has help'd by Health to her

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John also mentions his Disposition Aunt Taylor is much troubled wth a pain in her
Stomach, & had been for some days exceeding ill. — by this we may suppose he is in good
terms with her, something extraordinary, but not to be wonder'd at, from Jacks agreeable Disposition

by which I am still in Expectation of Letters, please give my
Compliments to Mrs Wilcox, her Son William is since his
Arrival gone upon the Circuits, I have not seen him
as yett. —

Strange Doings in the Cabinet here at present, some of
our principal Ministers have Resign'd, Fox in particular
on appearance of Corruption, or their Deviating from their
first Establish'd plan of proceedings, & Besonemy
an Express arriv'd this morning, from Lord Admir^{al} Howe
of his having seen the Combin'd fleet, 12 Sail but
number, therefore has not as fearefull to risque

Louisa David is well, accidentally on his passage spoke
the Haniball Capt. Gookey the ship that your son in law
is onboard, — there is but a very Indiff^{erent} acct. of the
Quebec fleet lately, has been reported was met by the
Combin'd fleet, who had taken fourteen or fifteen Sail. I hope

I have not had the particulars, but I hope all our friends &
Concerns have escap'd. — I add no more but conclude
with Love to you & am D^r Uncle — Your affect. Nephew
& that all other friends are in their Ordinary
Crafts Mackay

mentions Uncle
James has kept his
Health tolerable

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