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My Dear M^{rs} Johnstone

I have to thank you for yours of the 1st March which I have now before me; it gives me pleasure to learn that all friends in storminess were then well — I have likewise to acknowledge the receipt of your agreeable favour by the Hero Cap^t Preston which I duly received as also a parcel containing stockings from you and socks from M^{rs} Weighart for your Uncle; as also stockings for M^{rs} Purvis it then being so late in the fall I had not an opportunity of writing to you — I wonder not at your reflecting upon me for not having writ last year but pray do not attribute it to the want of esteem for you being conscious that I am such a poor hand at making an apology I will not attempt it but hope in future to make it up —

but O my Dear friend what afflicting News have I to write you; News that while I write wrings my heart and to read will tear your tender feeling bosom alas we have lost our

general friend your dear M^{rs} M^{rs}, he is no more; in him I have
to lament the loss of one of the best of husbands and my dear
Children a most tender and affectional Father; God was pleased
to call him to himself on the 8th of last April after a very
severe illness of three months the most of which time he was
entirely confined to his bed all which he bore with the greatest
patience and resignation to the will of God and I trust is
now reaping the fruits of all his goodness; and may it be our
great study my dear friend to prepare for that great Event
that when we may be called to render an account before our
Great Judge that we may be received with forgiveness into
his favour —

my Children thank God are both well and desire to be kindly
remembered to you & M^{rs} Johnston not forgetting their Cousins
your little ones, it gives me great pleasure to learn they are
such promising Children God Grant that you may live to
have great Comfort and happiness in them —

I had the pleasure of hearing from M^{rs} Staleno by her son
Joshua who appears to be a very fine boy; I fancy he will

remain here in this Country for he dont seem at all to like
the sea — I am sorry to say that I find it impossible to
procure for you your kaysichard; upon inquiry I find that it
was disposed of soon after you left the Country —
as M^r Purp's writes M^r Schurston he will no doubt write you
fully with regard to the affairs of your unhappy mother —
your Aunt Irvine and your Cousins James and Mary as all
well and desire to be remembered to you —

your friend M^{rs} Woolsey likewise desires to be kindly
remembered to you — pray present my most affectional
Compliments to your Aunt M^{rs} Macky and Daughter to M^{rs}
Wright and Children and all the rest of our relations in
stramnes; wishing you all manner of happiness and hoping
to hear from you by the first opportunity; with best
Compliments to your husband

I remain your sincere friend
and affectional Aunt

Margaret Schurston

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