

Dover 8th November

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My Dear Alice

I have your very agreeable letters before me of Dates of March of May & 25 August. I Congratulate you with all my heart on the increase of your family and happy to find you make such a good mother by being able to nurse your little ones yourself. I am sorry to hear that your father in Law was so poorly and likewise that you have had no answer to the letters you wrote your mother. My Dear M^{rs} Johnston you know too well the duty ~~—~~ a daughter owes to a Mother notwithstanding her behaviour to refrain from writing to her perhaps repeated letters from her Children with the blessing of God may in time open her eyes it is devoutly to be wished but should it not have the wished for effect you will at least be found doing your duty. write her if it is agreeable to your husband in as affectionate a stile as ~~in~~ the state of the Case will admit endeavour if possible to rouse her sensibility for it appears at present to be dormant — it is a delicate subject but as you have requested of me as a friend I give you the same advice as I think I would wish to follow were I in the same situation

It is impossible to foresee the effect your writing to her may
have but I think it can have no bad effect
your mother has disposed of most of the furniture which
she had when you left her and I believe most part of your
sisters clothes in a private manner. how they make it out
to live God knows; poor deluded women she cannot see her
own interest if she did she would consider that of her =
Childrens - not I must give you some ideas there is two

Diebei Ladys married since last I wrote you M^{rs} James
Grant to M^{rs} Craig M^{rs} Charles Grant to M^{rs} Blackwood
of your old acquaintances whom have lately died is old M^{rs}
McCord M^{rs} Cuthbert Grant and M^{rs} Bonfield

John & mine are well and both go to school your wife has
had a bad cold but is getting better please to remember me
to all our friends in strongest wishing you and them all
happiness I remain Dear Sirce your affectionate

P.S. I understand your
Brother goes home in the
next

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Margaret Johnston

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