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Tueber. 8. & November.

1798

My Dear Mrs. Johnston

I received your  
favor of the 23<sup>d</sup> July and was happy to  
learn that you and all your family in the  
straneness were then in good health.  
I was not a little disappointed in not hearing  
from you last year. I hope to have the  
pleasure of hearing from you once a year  
at least. I give you joy of the increase  
we have had to your family and return  
you many thanks for your kindness  
with your daughters. I hope  
for granted your last Barn is a son for  
a year of have heard nothing of him and  
that you are now amusing yourself with  
turning the ear with a pin.

I have been unfortunate enough to lose me  
last Dear little Boy, thou I trust that my loss  
was his great gain it is hard for us to part  
with these Dear little Blessings when once possessed  
of them... I am sorry to find by your letter  
that your husband's affairs were not so favorable  
as we could wish now me Dear is the time  
for you to shew your good sense fortitude and  
Discretion avail your self of this opportunity  
and I hope that in time every thing will  
turn out better than is at present expected  
as for <sup>can</sup> your <sup>can</sup> write little there are no Marriages  
taken place as yett with any of your old  
acquaintance we have lost many heads of  
families of late by Death in the Lower town  
Captan Walt M<sup>r</sup> Shulbree M<sup>r</sup> Gill M<sup>r</sup> Abwin  
M<sup>r</sup> Melvin M<sup>r</sup> Mills all which have hapenee  
within these two years it is Melancholy indeed

your aunt seam has lately been tapped for  
the Dropsy and is since much better  
we spent a very agreeable summer in the  
Country <sup>this year</sup> but how short the summers are here.  
Do you know we have been a Quarter about  
in over Carriols already near two Weeks ago  
John and Anne are well your uncle joins  
me in Compliments to you and M<sup>r</sup> Johnston  
and I remain

Dear Niece

your affectionate aunt

Margaret Johnston

Mrs Jas. Johnston  
Quebec P. M. Novem.  
Dec. 29. 1861

1861

Red wax seal  
F. W. D.

Mrs James Johnston

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F. W. D.

Mrs. John Johnston.

Stamper