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My Dear M^{rs} Johnston

I have yours before me of
the 20th March it gave me great pleasure to hear of
your wellfair and your safe arrival in the poor humble
country; well my Dear humble as it may be I flatter
myself that you enjoy more real happiness there than you
ever experienced in Quebec the good friendly society
you find there will I hope amply recompense you for
the loss of the beautiful shady Groves of Canada
I am sorry to say that true friendship here is very rare
to be met with; we have society but not that kind
of society in my opinion that can possibly upon reflection
give away fund of permanent pleasure to a thinking
mind. I had the pleasure of a letter from your

sister M^{rs} Glendon wherein she informs me of your safe
Delivery and recovery of a fine boy I heartily Congratulate
you and M^{rs} Johnston on the happy occasion wishing your
son may live to prove a blessing to his parents
and an ornament to society; I am happy to find
that you nurs him your self —

there has been a number of young Ladies Married
since you left us I begin with those who were
Married first M^{rs} Cuthbert Grant is Married to
Miss Sleshier M^{rs} Robe of the artillery to Miss Watt
a M^{rs} Stall of the same Regiment to Miss Todart —
and M^{rs} Santure the edwary to Miss Murray —
your friends Miss Maxon & Miss Swaser are still as you
left them poor M^{rs} Maxon has failed lately you will be
a little surpris'd at that news poor man it is a great
pity it is very hard upon him at his time of life
M^{rs} Andros has got a fine boy and nurses it her
self. I will tell you another piece of news we have got

a bridge over the little river to Copout which is a
very Great Convenience to the public in General
we have at last left the poor old house upon the
bank of your Aunt in which you live, in it and we live
in the house which M^r Andrews formerly lived in -
now I think by this time you must be tired of such
trifling news so I will have done

I thank you for your kind inquiries after me little boy
and girl they are both very well John now goes
to school and Anne begins to walk alone

M^r Arguham and M^r Purvis beg to be remembered
as also M^r Woolsey and your Cousin Polly who are all
well: I beg that you will not forget to write me next
year and tell me how your dear little boy comes on
your wife joins me in Compliments to you & M^r Johnston
and all enquiring friends

I am Dear M^r Johnston
your loving aunt

Margaret Johnston

Mrs. Geo. Johnston
Dubuque 22^d October
Dec. 6th January
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Mrs. John Johnston
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