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From:

(Stromn)ess April 22 1785

Dear Sister,

We received yourrecable letter but there was veryle news in it. We sent you one last year but it seems it is not come .. your hand. There was no particular accounts in it although we expect you to Orkeny. We write you these few lines as you know there is nothing certain. If you stay in Quebec write us more fully how you like the place, the manners & ways of the people & if you deal any in the mercantile line & how stockings sell & as our annuity is withdrawn & our family not so numerous we are living more retired from company & our greatest happiness is in having good accounts from our friends abroad. Marriages since you left Orkeny viz M^r Brebner mis Bell xxxx, M^r Andrew Baikie & M^{is} Trail of Ellsness, M^r Fraisor & M^{is} Peggy Ros, M^{is} Anne Ros to a M^r Nisbet in Edin^{rh}, M^{is} Anne Scolie to Cap^t Weyms, cap^t of a Eastindia ship, Tankerness toary Bellfour, Henry Cro...as to Anne Irvan, deaths Sa..... Graham, Belly Graham, Janne Or.....n, Nelly Sands, Belly Groat, James Irvine & Aunt Sice is gone to Shetland to her cousin M^{rs} Grierson. We are dear Sister

Yours affectionately

Katherin, Jane & Bealy Johnston

Dear Brother,

It gave me great pleasure to hear your letters to your father that you endew such a superior reason to submit to the will of God. Let his will be done & not ours. You say your xxxxx xxxxxxxx. I don't think that either it is only from a good root that now springs up & xxx you to more perfection in you. The following is the accounts my sister Molly (?) & my adventures to Edin^r. Mr Charles Moodie & Mr Lidle was aboard. Capt Thomson a Greenland vessel he told them that his surgeon was very successful in the operation of the eye & they told us of it. Jane Oman was bad in our house. We sent for him to come & see her. At the same time he looked to my eye. He said there was hope of success of a little sight which he would undertake if there was a surgeon in the place to attend. Father sent for Doctor Groat. He refused to attend. His opinion differed from the oculist. I urged it to be made a trial of but Doctor Groat objected it & said there was no hopes of success & he was a stranger of no established character. He recommended me to the famous Doctor Monro in Edin^{rh}. If anything could be done it would be done by him. We left Orkeny the tenth of May. I underwent two operations by Doctor Monro

but no success. Still I am resined to the will of God. It gave me great satisfaction my going to Edinburgh. I left it in September. We got acquainted with several gentel people which made interst for Malli. She commenced miliner & staid a girl went home with me sister. Mally mairied in November to a Mr Hood that my father wrot you of. You se thair was feat in this. While we was thair we sied a Mr Bob Young from Killmarnock who was acquainted with our Aunt. He was at the dancing school with her. His father ia a honest indutres man & has a good carecter & all his family. My long detail prevents me from any other subject but I know it will be satisfactory to you. Only permit me to advise you to make a fortune as soon as you can. Buy no books or put out no mony in any thing that you can keep in till circumstances can attend(?). You should tell your uncle more of your mind as he is your only friend & advise with I hope (?) what to do.

Sisters joins me in love to you & I am dear brother your affectionate sister

Katherin Johnston