

Nothing shall prevent my writing to you this  
 day very very dear Anne & beloved Mrs. George  
 nor can I in any degree expect to see the joy  
 & happiness I felt at the receipt of your most  
 kind letter, for I was I had felt rather but  
 after the time I was one to each of you especially  
 very common at having been so long silent this  
 matter was retained & to feel I had heart within  
 of you could break my heart for former believe  
 we do not diminish but in the contrary  
 only strengthen my affection for both of you  
 my very dear Anne here - The beloved child  
 is going as well, though if I was to speak  
 truth I rather think it prudent we  
 at a stand still, yesterday I was out by my  
 mother pleased with him - he was very kind  
 & his sight but indifferent, however much  
 perhaps was owing to the sad account he had  
 received of the poor value of Glenelg who I fear  
 is in a very bad way I send Professor's report  
 that with such a consideration of course  
 - I think it is not to a miracle if he has  
 sufficient strength to get through there - His  
 mind & amiable very sweet but in all for say in  
 regard to very dear Frederick, his life is most  
 sure for nothing can have equalled his kind-  
 -ness; we find a Burnett could not with you and  
 affection; indeed he has completely spent one  
 - He said for years he had not spent a happy  
 a hour - The last 14 days here, & I do believe  
 it for he was in delightful spirits till the  
 time of our parting which was a heavy to me  
 till & I hope told me he was as well he could  
 - I had up his head; his letters since we  
 - have all this for he says the best real comfort  
 in talking with me - he the more I know it has  
 caused me much satisfaction, for you know the  
 sad sad feeling there him & toward & the delight



never have in mentioning things, even - I  
then therefore suffered a great deal from the  
that since Drummond comes, but in my opinion  
does not regard me. I must make the best  
of it - Miss now times up, read me some  
best of - letters from dear George in which  
he mentioned me most kindly: God bless  
his spirit does seem to be & very well with my  
most affectionate love - Tell him not to mention  
to her as I have never said of Frederick -  
she hates him & therefore it only mentions  
things, even - then with me also - William  
Brown, I have never been once, not a word  
trust of course, but his manner & watching  
was unpleasant: these days of I received neither  
letters of the same tendency - the last, but in a  
few letters that he declares he has the number  
wanted to exhibit it entirely without concern  
concerning me however, therefore that this will be  
the last he shall trouble me with & for the  
future will send a quarter with an account  
of - This is - just now to my mind &  
then I shall know it? what do you like say to  
it? - I cannot say I feel in the spirit  
some day are pleasant, then that an one:  
- Thomas - Asperger what said, however in her  
course; if in certain questions do not concern  
it - John Collin is here, I thought the dear  
Angel would glad to see him, I am sure  
it had been George & for one time -  
I do not like your writing in a spirit of  
spirit, he is just heart my dear have been &  
remember how done for me - will as  
done George & all your dear children to  
your affection devoted &  
attached

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St. John  
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