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My Dear William

Edin 2^d April 1777

I have just now heard of you, by a letter
from Provost Duff's Son, Dated Oct^r 1776 which gave me the
the greatest pleasure - My Dear William your last letter to me was
Dated April 1776 from which you'll easily figure my anxiety -

The Provost himself came ^{to me} with the good news, and is happy that
Son is with you, I need not ask you to shew civility to Mr. Duff either
by assistance, or your advice, as I know the sensibility of your
heart to be ready to do a good office, when you have it in your
power - Indeed the Duffs, all of them, have been very deserv'd
to me, since you left me, and are always ready to wish me
joy on hearing from you and your brother - Provost Duff
have been on all occasions very attentive to me, and even Mr.
Patrick Duff who was employ'd against me, in that pretty pro-
ceed me no hurt, but on the contrary I ^{think} acted like a friend -
Mr. Archibald ^{Duff} has been extremely polite - Both he and his lady
are ready to heap favours upon me, more than I can really a good
grace accept of - Mr. Kay's Family are well - I communicate you
instruction concerning Geordie - Shall say more about him in my next letter

I have had lately Two Letters from Thomas the first Dated Sep^r last, from
New York - The second Dated Jan: from Brunswick East Jersey - It is
really moving to think on the situation of our Troops in America, I sym-
patize with both parties - God Almighty put a stop to blood shed - But how
thankful should I be to that Almighty protector, that guards my Thomas
o that he may be sensible to feel and see that unerring hand that
serves him - In his last letter to me, he seems to be on the eve
of purchasing the Adjutancy of the 43^d Reg^{mt}, by which means
he thinks he will be able, in course, to purchask a Captaincy without
troubling his Friends, as to money matters - Your Brother
and Family are very well he has got Two Sons and Two Daugh-
ters, when you write ^{him} please call him Sir Alex^r. Dunbar
of Thunderlon - At Michaelmas last he took up the Hemprick
Title of Knighthip, as being nearest her to it - He
and I seem to be in tolerable friendship, for some
time past, he was ill lately when Pegye paid him
a visit, he sent Comp^{ts} to me and begd I wou'd come
to Duffus and stay for some Days and he wou'd
shew me all his improvements - will you wish him
Joy of his New Dignity - he still has an eye to my house, but
he shall not get it, without your leave - Dilgavine - who
is directly come from London, paid me a visit this Day, he is al-
ways very attentive and kind, he has Two pretty Children by your
Sisters

My Dear William write some of your best news, and let ^{me} know
what you are doing, and when I am to see you, I don't despair of
seeing you notwithstanding, of the distance, I hope god will
grant a blessing, and may he that made you direct you in all your
undertakings, I am with love and truth, your affection mother Anne Dunbar

Peggy sends her love to you, and will soon send a
you a baget, when you write her accuse her of laziness
let me know what I can send you that will be usfull to you

To

M^r William Dunbar Planter in Richmond
Settlement on The Mississippi