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## 5: 1779: Anne Dunbar to William Dunbar

Anne Dunbar

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My Dear & affectionate William

1779

I have received by the hands of Mr. Ross your  
three Epistles ~~at~~ different Dates, for which I return you my  
heartly thanks - after reading over and over again, I then put them  
up in my pocket and believe me, my William, it gave me more  
pleasure then if I had put up a purse of a Thousand guineas -  
your resignation in the midst of your misfortunes, and your faith and  
trust in God, gives me a felicity not to be express'd - May the author of  
our being strengthen you more and more, to see all his dispensations with  
the eye of faith, love, and gratitude. It elevates my mind and makes me  
quit happy to think how God Almighty has made my Children the particular  
care of his providence, and when in the greatest danger he always protects  
them, I need <sup>not</sup> mention Thomas you'll easily figure his situation. These con-  
siderations is enough to ~~make~~ <sup>make</sup> me <sup>mak</sup> ~~enjoy~~ <sup>enjoy</sup> I think I am as happy as this world  
can <sup>mak</sup> - Indeed within these few years past I have lost three Dear Friends  
Mr. Robertson of Bishopmill. Mr. Grant Arndilly, you know the other Friend  
her Death affected me much - Her Daughter is excessively like the mother and  
her son like the Father, I see them often, Dalgavenny, and I am in the <sup>greatest</sup> Friend-  
ship - Your Brother Sir Alex<sup>r</sup>. and I are in gentle Generals, he visits  
me some times, ~~the~~ Lady Dundar see ~~me~~ pretty often, but I don't visit  
them, not but I would visit the Lady, I think she would do well if she had  
a proper second, Peggie goes often there, both of them are very fond  
of me, and I will not differ them, the Lady and Peggie goes withen a  
days to Fordyce with their eldest son Baldy, who is about seven  
years old, just your age when you was sent to the same place, they  
are other Boy, and I is Gerles, one of them older then Baldys

I am just now setting about to make Body linnen, Bed linnen, and Table  
linnen to replace a part of what the Congress Gentle men have taken  
from you, I could wish to have them ready against Mr. Prop's setting out  
for the Mississippi, we must send them to London by Land as our Seas  
are foul — When I had the pleasure of first seeing Mr. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Prop, he  
had it much at heart to keep himself from being known by me, I was at dinner  
a servant told me a strange gentle man was in the Dining Room, who  
wanted to see me, and that he would not let ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> go to him  
thinking who he might be; when I presented I got a side bow; I come for-  
ward a little, and said I was at a loss, another side bow and furlsey ensued,  
then I came directly opposite to him, when I began to discover, by asking  
if his name was Prop, he did not speak till then, when we was all Honey  
and Sugar, not many words past when he deliver'd your letter to me,  
then we went to the Dining Room, where he was saluted by a few old Ladies  
and your health was drunk — You have have for got to send me an extract  
from your Journall of a few Days, I shall like much to see it, unless you be  
really to be the Bearer of it yourself, when you receive this — Sandy Prop  
who I was glad to see next to my own Sons, will inform you how I manage  
my Family, as he was in this Country between 3 and 4 weeks coming & going  
to me I was oblig'd to a Sprawl <sup>off</sup> of his, that confin'd him here eight days  
when I had him set so high, that he was taken for a Lord

Enclosed you have a letter from the lazy Baggage I am glad you gave  
her that Name, it will spur her, we have teased her a little with it

Provest Duff who writes a long with me expresses the highest aff-  
ection for you concerning his Son, Mr<sup>s</sup> Duff would give her all  
to her Son, but the Provest is a little Sickerer, he has not said yet what  
he'll doe for him, tho I have ~~to~~ spoke to him, and I believe Mr<sup>r</sup>. Prop  
went a pretty length on the subject — Mr<sup>r</sup>. George Hay who is just  
now here — by the advice of Mr<sup>r</sup>. Prop, he is to study French & the Mathem-  
tickes at Forres, in place of going to the College, he is seventeen years  
of age past — Please make my best respects to your Friend Mr<sup>r</sup>. Prop  
Mr<sup>r</sup>. Prop has made me quite well acquainted with him, he was my private  
st for some time — I must have done at this time I remember you

presence of him who ought to be the Chief end of all true love and  
friendships, so that if you are distant from my sight, you are not  
absent from my heart - adieu my Dear William love me as I love  
you, and recommend me in your prayers to God - I am  
Your affectionate  
Mother Anne Dunbar

My Dear William I am loth<sup>to</sup> finish this because I could be willing  
to converse more with you - I beg you'll mention Mr Burnel in  
your next to me, with esteem, as he has, and still is my good Friend  
he is now Sheriff substituted - Mr William Dunbar is another  
great Friend of mine, he is a true Dunbar - your Brother has let  
George Duff's House as a Town House for himself and 35 £ Ser: for  
gavenny goes for London this winter - Tom bird alone Peggus at Duff's

