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My Dearest Brother

London 2^d Feby 1729.

I have just now ^{to} the pleasure of receiving a Letter from you inclos'd in one to Mr Swift of Date the 7th of May last informing me of your having sent money to Mr Swift & giving him orders after having paid him self to give me the remainder which you say will amount to 80. or 90. Ster. I return you my Dearest Brother my grateful thanks for your being so very mindful of me, but at the same time I'm very sorry ^{to} inform you that the money has not yet come to hand but I trust it will still arrive. It would give me a great deal of vexation think that it was lost by any means after you had the goodness to send it, as the loss would fall upon you - Mr Swift & I both wrote in Aprile last I hope you have receiv'd our Letters long before this time, Mr Swift declin'd assisting me with money so that I'm still a burden upon Mr & Mrs Innes who. are still as friendly as ever to me, tho. I'm now much indebted to them, I mention this about Mr Swift for fear that you have not got my last Letter. - I wrote Sir Arch^d concerning your proposal about the Annuity but he has never yet come to a conclusion about it, I had a Letter from ^{him} yesterday acquainting me of Mr Andrew Stewart's Death who was his Man of business at Edinburgh it has put a stop to it for some time but I hope I shall soon have it in my power to inform you that he has agreed to the proposal. I'll not be easie in my mind untill I have of hearing from you again, I flatter my self that before this time you have satisfying accounts concerning the stoppage of the money - They are something that comes in the way to put a stop to my having the fit of your family but I trust in God that a happy Day will still arrive, I hope forgive me for the expression but I think I would look upon it as heaven's blessing my Dear Brother my heart is too full of affection & gratitude to you to express my self in a full & proper manner but I know your good feeling heart will excuse me - I'll do my self the pleasure to write you a long Letter as soon as Sir Arch^d informs me of his intencion concerning the Annuity. - I wrote you in my last Letter that Mr Innes had mov'd from his old residence To Greathermalog Street N^o. 10 Wapping I mention it again for fear of my last Letter miscarrying

I conclude my Dear Brother as it is a begining of a new year with wishing ^{you} of this
Dunbar of your Dear Childeren many of happy returns of the season —

and belive me to be your sincere affectionate Sister
Marg. Dunbar. —