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Dear Mother

16th Phil.^a Decr. 1810

This is Sunday evening, & untill this morning I was ignorant that a Vessel was to sail for C^h. O. tomorrow morning, in which Mr. Vaughan has already placed the articles you wished sent. I did not know by some accident, that he was procuring them, & consequently was deprived of the pleasure which I always take in aiding him, particularly when he is employed for my dear family; he never requests me to do it, as he never wishes to deprive me of the least time in which I might be employed in my studies, but I undoubtedly should have found time enough had I known he was procuring the things; besides, I have lost the excellent opportunity of ^{procuring} sending the few things you desired in your last letter, shoes books &c. & 'twas only 3 days ago that I wrote you & Clara, & the letters could have been sent by the ship which would probably have had a shorter passage than by post, however that will be proved in the end, they are dated 13th Decr. 1810. I am to attend at 9 o'clock our class, in the morning & before that time I will endeavor to have on board Torrey's grammar, french fables, d^o. Exercises, d^o. Dictionary, as you desire very ancient, & shoes, say 2 pair as it doesn't look well to send one solitary pair; & perhaps something else for your & sisters' ~~recreation~~ amusement ~~to~~ which will be distinguished, being in a separate parcel, but I know not how they will go, perhaps we shall open a box & put them in, or let them be separate, I will send a box of tooth paste which is very agreeable to the palate as well

as beneficial to the teeth & gums, as report is; I never use
any thing but a brush & water & therefore am no judge, but any
substance of that nature that is said to be good I will send
in order to make reparation for not being able to send the
Vriha nut which has not yet been found. I will write Eliza
in a few days to French untill when I will dear mother
your affectionate Son

William Dunbar

P.S.

Tell Peggy to write me soon, & something amusing as did
sister Ann, for I long to hear from the dear soul, I would
promise to write her soon but I must write Helene
& Archy & Eliza ~~soon~~ beside she owes me a letter, she
will write I hope of Alex, Paul, J. Smith, F. Girault
to let me know why they have all forsaken me; I wrote
them last & ^{they} will not answer me, I feel quite sorry that
they should have thus neglected me, I wish her to write me
of something, which she must guess, I cannot express it,
twas in Ann's letter to me.

Remember ^{me} kindly to all our relations & friends, give little
Dauder a kiss for me & the rest of the family & fling
pat on the head, I have not forgotten her

Monday.

The ship goes not till tomorrow. Mr. V. had not as I

find put every thing on board, & therefore my few things will go with the rest. The oysters & others, could not be gotten as they cannot be put up in this cold weather.

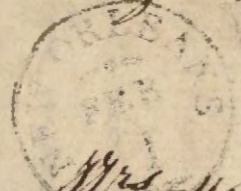
I have got the french books & 3 others, in haste I should have got more but could not take time enough to choose them.

No smaller shoes were ready made, than those sent, the largest pair a little longer than my foot, & I suppose they may do to ~~over~~ over your shoes. 'Twas a pity you did not get the roots, seeds; with them were 2 sets of chess men, the pair will be repeated if you wish.

H

Care of Chew & Bell

N. Orleans



Mrs William Dunbar

Forest man

Natchez

M. S.

Ship Chip }
Tobacco }