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Mr. James Dawson
Victoria
Nova Scotia

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John
Geo. Dawson
May 1828
Victoria
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My Dear Friend

Edinburgh. May 31
1828

At length after a very long silence I sit down to address you, a silence which I fear I cannot justify altogether, either to your mind, or my own, you know many are the casual circumstances which occur to prevent writing where the distance is so great, and the means of communication limited, however as if it were at once both an aggravation, and palliation, of our negligence, it has gone on while we have not ceased to speak of you, and to chide ourselves, for delaying so long in writing to you. perhaps at that time the packet was just gone, at another, we would allow the time to pass without thinking of it, at length however, and we now see improperly, we waited for Miss Munro going out, after the time of her departure being protracted; she at last went away to Aberdeen without telling us, when she should return, or when she should go out to America. We were all very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Mr Rankine And Mother feels exceedingly for you and particularly for Mrs Dawson knowing the extreme attachment which existed between them. We received the Mackerrill safe which proved excellent and the box, and the snuff all which we prized highly and for all your kind compliments we would have sent you more than even our warmest acknowledgements only we were disappointed of the opportunity we expected.

I have now returned from London that great city. (you knew of my intention to go before you left) where I have been for twelve months. I liked it exceedingly; both the manners of the people and the way of doing business pleased me much I think it will prove of great advantage to me. I was very fortunate in getting a good situation indeed I became so much attached to the people and the place, that I felt much at

leaving them, I was so fortunate also as to arrange that George should get into the same place when I left and he was there even before a little which was of great importance to him you will consider I daresay that if he conducts himself properly this will prove of great advantage to him we had letters from him yesterday he seems in high spirits they are very busy their hours in the morning till nearly and sometimes past that night you see there is no time for any thing but business. Trade has been better with us a little this season and I hope it will continue so now it has been a long time dull here we are all in good health at present which we have had the happiness of enjoying ever since you left us. Mr. Smith is quite well and Mr. Spencer lost her husband sometime ago he died suddenly and left her a widow with 6 children one of them has died since, she is in good Circumstances and can provide for them sufficiently which is a great comfort. Mr. Creases family are all well. Old Mr. Boyd died sometime back. Old Mrs. Boyd has been very poorly of late but all her family are well. Mother was much obliged to you for the book on baptism only she wished she had been beside you there is a three fold story which the scriptures know nothing about - a federal holiness which the scriptures nowhere recognise what do you think about this war with the Turks Mother is in great hopes of something important coming out of it perhaps the way will be made open for the Jews now returning to the Land of their Fathers. We have a preacher here from London at present who is delivering twelve lectures on the Old Testament particularly on the Jews his opinion is that they will return to their own land and that Christ will reign on earth amongst them —

he ^{occupies} has taken one of the largest Churches in Edin'burg was there last night and a person who was there computed there was not less than 4 thousand people present, his name is Irving and he is of the establish'd Church - We have been expecting for several weeks a dissertation on the prophecies by a Mr Brown to appear in the papers - if it does to day we will send it -

There is nothing particular going on the new improvements are not going on with any spirit indeed there is just some thing of that kind wanted here ^{to} put money in circulation

how is business with you what description of soft goods take your market we have a number of articles that we do not wish to do much in now and which we could not push of ourselves readily. which we could send you if they

would take the market such as woollen Comforters Worsted

Yellow & Drab Bearergloves &c I hope your

will be the first opportunity of writing us all

particulars & again pleading your leniency for our want

of attention. with best respects to Mrs Dawson to whom I suppose

I should even now be known although I cannot claim much recollection of her on my own part

Remain My Dear Sir
Yours so sincerely
Walter Mercer

My Dear Sir I shall only add a few words to what

Walter has wrote. which is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Inst and also the news paper

for which I feelt gratefull but was very much surpris'd at its contents the death of poor Mr Rankine. Walters

confession for our want of attention in not writing sooner I hope will procure your forgiveness. I intend sending

a news paper by next packet and shall be glade to receive one from you when convenient - I hope Mr & Mrs P. Short &

will give my best respects to them are we to expect a visit from any of you this summer. Mrs M. joins

me in best wishes for you all yours Respectfully

Sweden obla. Saturday next &c - G. Mercer