

Letter
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To James Dawson Esq

P.
Picton

My dear Sir

Your esteemed favour of the
7th ult^o - was duly received and I feel most
sincerely obliged by your most friendly attention -
as does Mrs Rankin - I addressed you a few
hundred lines on its receipt - mentioning our
intention to request the favour of you to act in
our behalf in that quarter, when need should be.

We received two days ago from Mr George
Shackenzie Sen^r. the melancholy account of
Mrs Denoon's demise, which we were but too
well prepared to expect - God's will be done,
we must submit - but Mrs Rankin is deeply & severely
affected by the stroke though in some degree prepared -

P.S. Since commencing this letter I have rec^d by
your kindness the P. M. obituary of the
in which the death is announced - On asking Mrs
R. whether she recollects any little articles that she
would like reserved for her as a remembrance of her
late Sister - She bids me say that there was a Silver
Tea set - Once an article of joint housekeeping among
the sisters, which if not specially disposed of by
request she would be glad to have retained for her (&
valued out of course as a chattel) - Should there be
the least difficulty or demur in this, pray take no notice
of it - There should also be among Mrs A's papers
a memorandum of a sum of eighty pounds (£80)
in her hands belonging to Mrs Ranken - mention if
you can trace that - She directed £50 to be remitted
on her death by Mr Madinger which she accom-
panying letter to him acknowledges receipt of by me.
Give my regards to Mrs Alice Thorne, writes - I hope he is not
forgotten in the settlement - I shall write her soon J. Ranken

With this you will receive a power of Attorney
from us jointly. authorizing yourself & Mr Hugh
Houston Ross late of Demerore to do every thing that
may be necessary in our behalf - Mr Shackenge
states that Mrs Dawson executed a will, one week
prior to her demise - Have the kindness on receipt
of this to transmit to us the tenor of it, and to say who
are the administrators under it - I hope yourself or
Mr Ross may have been appointed - if otherwise
you are now fully empowered to act for us -

I need not say that we will be anxious to hear from
you early - with our united kind regards to Mrs Dawson
& your family -

I remain very dear Sir

Yours very sincerely

Thomas H Ranken