

Leanhead

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My dear Uncle

I scarcely know how to commence this letter. I have been so languid that you dislike apologies so I shall not trouble with one farther than that I have been very busy for sometime past.

I hope you are enjoying yourself at home with your Grand Children as I suppose you are just now. I suppose you will have very warm weather in the meantime.

We have had a remarkably dry summer here as dry I believe as G. was we will have a very light crop indeed. I don't mean ourselves in particular many will be a great deal worse than us in that respect. I believe in some hilly districts they are driving the cattle to the corn fields as they are too short to cut

we had a very mild winter but we had  
a very bad spring I do not remember  
ever ~~such~~ experiencing such cutting, piercing,  
winds as we had for a long time, the  
frost too was very intense even in the month  
of April and the consequence is that  
there is scarcely any fruit of the earlier kinds  
however we have great reason for thankfulness  
that we have the staff of bread though  
it be not so luxuriant as it usually is.  
In my last I promised to give you some  
particulars regarding the Milners Family  
you are aware I suppose that Eldr Mr Milner  
is at the head of a Banking Establishment  
in Buntz, his eldest son Robert died very  
suddenly a few years after we left Kirkton  
he was <sup>by</sup> farmer of the Corse of Kinnaird, he was  
very anxious to have our small farm ad-  
ded to his own but he did not enjoy it  
long, Poor man: the eldest daughter was  
a very high minded girl excessively proud  
but she had a fall from a horse that  
injured her Spinal bone and I think

she lingered ~~one~~ year or two and then died  
but those that attended her on her death  
bed had good hopes of her that she lean-  
ed time humbly at the feet of Jesus:  
I was not personally acquainted with her but  
from what I heard I believe she was engaged  
from the proud woman of Fashion to the  
humble Christian.

There was either four or five Deaths in Mr. Inlins's  
Family after they got that farm there was  
first Robert then Miss Inlins then George then  
Am Inlins and I think but I am not certain  
that there was another son,  
they were blamed very much for indirectly  
using their influence to get many poor  
Families to get the Farm of the Corse extended  
I cannot tell, God only knows, the curse <sup>of</sup> it  
will not come, but so it was that very severe  
affliction in their Family closely followed  
their accession to it,

There are two sons and two daughters still  
alive one of the sons has the Farm of the  
Corse and the other the Farm of Cairnhill

near Huntly one of the daughters was lately  
married to the Church Minister and the other  
is living with her Father in Huntly now. I  
told you all that I know about them and  
I hope you are satisfied, I may add that I  
believe they are worth a good deal of money.

By the bye when you write me next will  
you be kind enough to tell us if you know  
how Uncle Robert is whether he is at  
home or in the Asylum or if there is any  
prospect of his recovery.

I remember once seeing him but it is  
a great many years ago I was then  
but a little girl, he was very kind to me.

We have a Portrait of one of  
you but I don't know which I rather  
think it <sup>is</sup> you, we got it when Uncle  
George died, I am sorry I will never  
in all probability have an oppor-  
tunity of seeing the Original  
but if we never meet here I hope  
we will meet in a better world,  
and that meeting will be no part no more