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My dear Margaret,

I received your letter dated May also June 7th containing bill for £15 I was delighted to get a commission from you or in any way whatever serve to get into favour again. I confess I deserved reproof and feel truly ashamed of myself having no adequate apology to offer, but, that writing is not my fort.

I have got most of the things you wrote for and think you will be pleased, but I am not so sure about the prices every

thing seems to me so dear
although I in every case made
the very best bargain I possibly
could, Feathers are something
startling, I think you would
have got it as cheap at home
in case you would be dis-
appointed I took one but
am afraid to say what it cost
the black lace was also more
than I think you anticipate
imitation lace looks so poor
and gets so soon brown I
took real yak which is the kind
used here it was $3/11$ a yd but
with my usual elegance got
it for $3/4\frac{1}{2}$ I intend to trim
a dress for myself with it

so that if you think it extravagant console yourself that you are not alone in the matter and that it is cheapest in the end.

We had a letter from George the other day in which he says he is afraid he will not be able to visit us before leaving this country as we were all much dissatisfied and Mr Bell wrote the same evening to say that we had taken a house of seven rooms in upper Largo and that he must join us, I am sure he would enjoy the change of so many young people together the arrangement is something like Burntisland and

there will always be as many over
as the horse will hold, I trust
his answer will be satisfactory.

We are all well at present I
was down at Postobello taking tea
with Jane last night she has
got a nice house of three flats
near the foot of Regent St.

We met Aunt Primrose stepping
out of a Maltrick carriage as we
were going in I suppose she keeps
you informed of all that is
going on here. I am long
of taking notice of your ill-
ness I was very sorry to hear that
you had been so poorly but was
just remind you that there
is such a thing as overworking
oneself. with love to all believe
me your very affⁿ sister Jane Bell