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Walter Mercer

Dear Sister

I received your kind and
welcome letter of 19th July on 30th
and little did I think then that
when I acknowledged it the
reply was to be so sorrowful
for my life has passed away but night
after a week's sharp illness
and thus I am alone I may say
however I have John Ballantyne
with me a great comfort
Trusting you are all well
Remain yr aff^l
Walter Mercer