

Dr. Brothop

Wilmington April 8, 1772

I have rec^d your letter dated September 9th & it is

Very glad to hear you are all well, hoping this few lines will find you
to again, if you have wrote to often as you say of Monday I had the news
of them, for the last I rec before this was dated June 11. 1769. and I would have

I and my son and daughter are all well as the thing they are
very good health, except a little fit my daughter has taken of Rickets
But I think it will be well soon off. I you I wish I would
My son is at college if you wish to see him

With you know my childrens age -
With when I came from Scotland (by Mr. Nichol who I see is dead)
his days you may know for I told him he might stay after I left home

and as things has turn'd out I hope it will be for the better for he
is a very good boy and manages all my Rents - my father by the
name of my first husband, will as there is no one here now of my

Wife's name which happen'd one in coming away as I did from home
it will be curious how you write in your letter upon that Account
My daughter Jane is about 16 years of age and she is not yet married but

she is soon will with young man in business, I remain my wife a
widow, and have no thought of my return, my condition (though I have had
good good) as long as my children behave themselves, you write Mr.

Wife is dead, but I would be glad to know of your present to appearance
or Thomas or in what circumstances he has left his wife and family
For I wish to know what became of the Master's debt it was a great

sum, on account of the Confusion and disturbances it bred all over
America, by debts on my side (as I speak on your) on
Always saying out what money I take (as I speak on your) on

my farm and I shall soon have a good race, I thank God I
shall not a gentle living as I do but not by the farm could I
I have built about a year ago

which was at first for the tobacco
I have a Vine's pot again, they
I have which cost me about 80 if has a Vine's pot again, they

or Tawlers cost for them, and then I keep three of four cows and 2 Oxen
and 2 hogs of my own to make what I will to raise hay on my farm
to serve them with all travelling horses, I have never raised any more

left on my farm (but bring all from Philadelphia) I have raised 2 or 3
which serve travelling horses (for we make no distill here all
I want for bread) I intend to sow some wheat this spring, the I am

clean miles from a mill to grind after I raise it
I have a great plenty of tobacco, Corn, &c, and so on, I have
My slaves in town got sometimes more is 50 each in them some

times not for times are very dear in Philadelphia to get nothing by
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My Brother John is dead. I hear but I can learn no more of him or any of the
The rest in your Request concerning (the letter) what they cost me this last was
Three Shillings - But pray Don't Neglect writing the less you that For I shall
be always glad to hear from you. This Country begins to flourish and will in a few
Be a good Country the Produce is Wheat, Oats, Barley, Peas and Vegetables of
all kinds, the Country is About 47 Miles from Halifax to which there is a
Tolerable good Road Made all the way's through the Wilderness by the King
And this is the Only Road that By which the whole Country must Come to
Halifax to sell, and there is almost every year a great many of the

the Country (of which Mine is One) of Entertainment for the people so they
Go to Town to Market. The things they chiefly Carry to Halifax (that Town)
is Oxen, Fat Sheep, Butter, and Cheese But Nothing in the broad way that
Comes from Philadelphia, they formerly got all their Meat from New England but now
The Country here Begins to Raise enough to serve the Markets they have not got into
the way of Making Cloath or any thing that way in this Country Except Coars
Cloath (I mean Linen) for them selfe fine Linen, and fine Cloath, they Buy in
Town and that keeps our farmers Low. For they are all poor people that come from
New England and Ireland to settle here and there is nobody to Encourage Manufactures
among them

of this more in my Next - Provisions are pretty Dear, for as I told you before
our flower Comes from Philadelphia And they have sent so much from that
Place this last Summer for the use of the Russian Army that it is scarce and
Dear and when brought to Halifax is 18 and 19 Shillings a hundred. But as the
People in the Country raise their own bread I don't hurt them much

I shall Conclude with Desiring you to Remember me to ^{to your} Mother
and family and all Inquiring friends, and My selfe your
me in Our sincere good wishes for you and yours and for and I
Remain your affectional sister while
Christy Montgomery
to Mr W. Morrin

I. A. to Smith I have Inquird Diligently concerning him But can't
Learn any thing of him, so give you ^{no} Trouble about Writing
of him, if I can gett any Intelligence of him (but I fear I won't) I will
send you word

Pray Let me know in your Next how your Sister Marry is and how
you may Direct (and Don't Neglect Writing) your Letter in the following
Manner - To Mr Christian Montgomery Surveyor on the Windsor
Road 24 Miles from Halifax

I hope my Nephew is a good Lad and I would be glad of a Letter from his own
hand I can think of no more at present
Nova-Scotia