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Bellmencash Sept. 2^d 1812

Dear Son your letter is as honey to my mouth, but as to my state of health it is but poorly I have been this five years very much troubled with the Gravel, but blisid be God Tom spared yet in the body may it lead to the Good of my soul, alexander was hear last night he cam hear for his indentor to see if it will be of any use to keep him from the mallitia he is in the low country following after the blacksmith business and he wants much that you would writ him upon receipt of this to see if it would be agreable that he would go to you I had a letter from william and he was for america but not to the corner that you ar in, and some days after your letter cam to my hand and I wrot him a direction to you, as he wrot me that he was not in the belife that you was not in the body as he wrot you and ourid no answer, and I hop if my letter found him that he would alter his cours as for John he departed this life novmber last in his way home from spain, anne is with me hear and Jobel is with James burges and patrick is in Kironn over the hill of comdal I live hear in a house besid James burges my sister is verry poorly in health

Dear Son Excuse abit of Disorder this s
 Margret Burges is mared two years ago with
 amon of the name of M'gregor in Strath down
 and has daughter a year old and James burges
 hapuy, Gregor Stewart in polowick had a child
 drowned in the well at his door last week they
 all lik to be murthered to you alex. his son went
 to the army three years ago, patrick Grant M^{son}, of
 william Grant in Grantown who was schoolmaster
 at our school is minister in Strath down M^{son}
 Grant of Grant is dead about eighten month ago
 and Colonel Francis his son is in castle Grant
 and has a young son william M'Leon is a captain
 I did John russal sometime ago and wish to
 remember to you he is a mason ~~son~~ ^{son} Lason
 is mared with a daughter of Donald Gordon
 in Dellafour and has a young daughter, which
 is very high mealt from two pound ten to two
 pound eighten and every thing in proportion
 Margret finds her blessing to you and all whoer your
 friends may the almighty blestish you in the
 love of Christ jesus with love and blessing of your
 old fible father Thomas Gordon

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Dear son my memory along with their disorders
is gone much but I shall give you much account of
the transactions of the country as for Margret
her last ^{year} son now is two year old was offered to me
and I told him as all the names of the Donalds and
Davids were impliments he ought to give this name
to his mother and he was named Gordon and I hope
she will have another in a short time James M Donalds
wife departed Spring last her son John is married to
Donald M Kerrans daughter Isobel and Nellie sat
at the Lords table last sabbath and has her love
to you give my love to John M Donald and Jam happy
to hear from you that he and his family lives so pias
a life his brothers family or in good health and he is
in a middling street himself Mary is a great reformer
woman she is baptised of let by the messengers and
I have great reason to believe she is in a good way and
she begs to be mentred to you and her uncle and
to his family Nellie Stewarts Daughter departed this
life about a tweloe month ago James Burgess has
had a child with Margret Grant in esak miln and has
obtained a decret against him for ten years five pound
yearley and two pound ten shilings for indyng