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Copy Letter from Bazaar Buntar
to her brother from in America

Elgin 19th Nov^r 1775

My dear Brother

I have taken this opportunity
of writing you by Mr James
Robertson. Nama & I think
it a pluse conveyance as you
& Mr Robertson corresponds -
It made Nama & I extremely
happy when we saw him to
hear that he had a letter
from you a little before he left
Jaindaa, and that you was
in perfect health, as we had
heard some time agoe that you
was ailing - My dear William
it is very disagreeable to me
to communicate a thing to any
Person that will affect them, &
much more so to my dear
Brother, who I know has a tender

compassionate feeling heart for
every body, and feels in a more
particular degree for his own
Relations, but I think it's better
that I should acquaint you than
that you should hear it abruptly
by any other means - Our sister
Kelly came from London this
summer in a very bad state
of health, six weeks after she
had brought to bed of a son, with
an intention to see her friends &
to return to London in winter, but
alass - God almighty had ordered
otherwise, after a lingering illness
she died at Pitgarnie the 27th of
October. Dear soul, she underwent
the keenest pain & affliction, with
the greatest composure & resignation
to the will of Heaven. I trust in
God, she is much happier than
this world & all its riches & pleasures
could make her. It gives Mama

& a great deal of pleasure & satisfaction
& I dare say, will give my dear William
the same. When he hears it to think
that we were in the greatest love and
friendship with her. I think it proper
to inform you that upon her arrival
at Elgin - Mama & I went & saw her,
in a day or two after, she went to
Duffus & resided there - Mama & I
went down to see her - she recovered in
a few ~~months~~ ^{weeks}, every Body thought
her in the way, to get the better of
all her complaints, but this was but
flattering empty hopes - her ~~distemper~~ ^{distemper}
was too far gone for that, by her own
confession, she had a bad cough
for eighteen months & a pain in her
left side & a shortness of breath, after
she recovered the fever at Duffus, she
came twice to Elgin & saw us - when
she was thought in danger - Mama
went often to see her, & I stayed almost
constantly, as she told me, she could

not want one out of her sight - she
grew vastly fond of Mamma & often
said to her, that she was her steady
friend on Earth - Our Brother Sandy
only went twice to see her, after she
left Suffus - Mrs Sumbar never went
she was at Pitgarnie between two &
three months, before the fatal event -
she was buried in the Tomb at Suffus
by her earnest desire - she has left
a son & daughter - Pitgarnie intends
sending them to Elgin in the Spring
Mamma I mean to take great notice
of them, which I dare say you'll
approve of - some time ago - there
happened some differences between
Sandy & Kelly and ^{Robert} Innes, & after
Kelly came from London Kelly
Innes went to Suffus, but she
did not see her, nor could not bear to
see any of the family - you see my
dear Willie, how many different
& various things happens in Life
to make us think on the divine
hand of Providence Thom is

now advanced to a Lieutenant, but
not without purchasing - he paid
a Hundred Pounds Sterling,
for it - I think its very hard in
the time of war, when their
honour, & their lives is at stake,
to pay for a bit of preferment.
I'm happy to think that you
are at a distance from this -
troublesome war. I wish it may
end well, but it has a very bad
look - we are now beginning to
find the cold of winter, the frost
& (- worn out -) advances fast -
everything looks chilly & bleak -
The ground begins to wear quite
a different livery from what it
did some months past - Your
friend Mrs Robertson, honest woman
seems quite happy with seeing
her son James, she is certainly
vastly lucky in her children,
they seem all to be in a very thriving
way - I hope you have got the

boy with your Linens before
now - Mr & Mrs Kay & family
are very well & begs to be remembered
to you, as also does Mrs
Sutherland, who still continues
to stay with Mama, & all your
other friends in Town send
best wishes to you

My dear Willie
yours with affection
Margaret Dunbar

To
Mr William Dunbar
Planter in Richmond Settlement
on the Mississippi