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Dover N.H. Feb 15th /75

My Dear Cousin

It is now

some years ago since my father
then living purchased certain
property in the town of Mobile
County within Ireland from
Sir Morgan Crofton - built
houses thereon & otherwise
improved that property at
great expense to himself holding
it upon a lease of three lives
that is during the lives of my
brothers William Patrick
and myself & the two former
William & Patrick are dead
and now Sir Morgan Crofton
either by himself or by some
bad adviser thinks or

more to believe that I am
 now or ought to be read
 not waiting for the will of
 God at all in my case -
 and upon that false supposition
 threatens to eject Mrs Smith
 Widow of the late James Smith
 formerly of Mohell & Co to whom
 by my consent my mother when
 coming to America sold her
 rightful title to that whole
 property - the consequence is
 that Mrs Smyth still lawfully
 holds that same property
 and well and must hold it
 in spite of all the law
 in Ireland - now Can it be
 taken from her during my life
 time & from my present
 condition of health which
 thank be to God is sound
 firm & good - and as full

of Vigor & activity as ever
 - there is every hope of Mrs
 Smyth that she shall hold
 said Property for many Years
 yet to Come Some time ago
 Mrs Smyth & the Venerable
 Prof Mohell wrote to me
 here stating that Sir Morgan
 Crofton threatens to eject her
 saying that I was Dead &
 she and her father Evers
 begged to know if I was still
 living I wrote to both of them
 & satisfied them that I was
 thanks to God yet in the land
 of the living - & hoped to
 remain so for a long long
 time yet - Mrs Smyth &
 father Evers must long ago
 have recd my letters but I
 suppose Keep them quiet
 & recd to procure them

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at the proper time when her
Morgan will have done his
best & worst and made
himself ridiculous against
her - then she will triumphantly
give them to the light and
confound the Worthy Baronet
for whom I am sincerely
sorry on account of the great
friendship that formerly existed
between him & my deceased father.
Mrs Smyth should have shown
my letters long ago & so put an
end to this vexed question -
and therefore the consequence
is that your good Aunt Mrs
Bagley of Mobile writes to you
praying to know if I am really
in life yet - I think I am
sure that you will tell her
that I am what a strange

People they are at home in
 old mobile they will have me
 under the sod whether dead or
 alive - whether I am willing or
 not but I am stubbornly
 determined not to gratify their
 kind wishes my present name
 may have tended somewhat to
 confuse them at home there-
 let me now & here explain
 all that - from my youth
 upwards I has it by tradition
 from my paternal grandfather
 of Cloonart Co Longford that
 the name Drumm was but a
 corruption of the name Drummond
 our ancient family name -
 and therefore when years ago
 I arrived in this country I
 went back to the old name
 of Drummond and ever since

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have retained & will retain
it - all those who are
acquainted with the history
of Ireland from the English
invasion under Henry the 2nd
of England up to the present
time know well that our
Irish & even Scottish names
were changed & corrupted from
their real & original forms -
thousands & thousands of our
people's names have gone
through that amazing & real
& transformation until now
we can scarcely arrive at
the real old family name
of our ancestors - But from
the ancient annals & other
sure sources I know well
that our family name is
Drummond and that is
enough for me

7 Again for Example there
is my mother's name "McKeone"
which ~~means~~ in Irish means
the "Son of John" it too has
passed thro many Changes.
for we now have "MacShane"
"McKeen" "McJon" & "McKinnon"
& anglicised we have it in
"Johnson" & "Jackson". & lastly
we have it in "Kane" with
the Irish "Mac" thrown away
the two Doctors Kane formerly
of Mohill were relation of
mother her name was, the
also Irish one "McKeone" while
theirs was of the more English
form "Kane" & yet they were
relatives - Both really "McKeone"
So much for our Irish
genealogical nomenclature -
& now fearing that I am
tiring you & hoping that

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Mrs Smyth at home will
have justice done her

I remain dear Cousin

Yours truly &c

Jas Drummond

R C Foster

Wm H Drummond

Montreal Canada East

original letter forwarded to
Mrs Smith on 19th Feb /75-

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Private —
in

Dover New Hampshire —
Aug. 5th 1875.

Dear Cousin: —

After you have read the inclosed letter to you — watch a good and favorable Chance and shew it to Judge Drummond's Son, the Lawyer, and let him too read it — that will give them both my mind on the whole of your Venture —

Now remember to be very Cautious and Guarded in all your intercourse with them on all religious and Irish national and other like topics — they are intensely Irish and Catholic — So beware! and neither by word or deed on your part arouse prejudices or feelings that might be adverse to you — Enough Said!! —

I am glad of the news you send me — that uncle William is to honor me with a visit here in the coming Fall — let him come about the end of October — or early in Nov^r. — all the previous time from now ~~to then~~ will find me busily engaged — — let him come as I say — and no man shall be more welcome to me — than for long talks of the past — &c &c — With Compliments to your Good Mother, Old George &c &c
Yours faithfully —
Jas. Drummond
Porter.
Mr. W^m H. Drummond —
Montreal — Canada

P.S.

Fear not! — and as uncle William says —
all the friends must help you — nor shall I be
lost in the Crowd as far as I Can go —
Write soon again — that is, when convenient — J. D.

Private.

Dover - New Hampshire,
Feb. 15th 1875.

Dear Cousin: -

On rec^d. of this you
will read the inclosed letter - then put it
into a good strong envelope, and address it
to your good Aunt, m^{rs} Bagley, Mobile,
Co. Leitrim, Ireland. Please post pay,
it in full all thro' to Mobile - but be sure
and not say that I know that you send it
to her - you do it, as a matter of course,
of your own free will, in answer to her
inquiry about me - But let her not
show it to Attorney "Kane" till she has
first shown it to m^{rs}. Smyth to be seen
and read by her - then as m^{rs}. Smyth
may wish - let your Aunt show it to
m^r. Kane - which I think, after all,
it would be best to do - and so finish up
this annoying case - - -
You will perceive in talking

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of the Changes of the name of ["]Kearne["], that I
give "Kane" a mild tho' stinging Cut - let
him take it - for he deserves it!!

By this Edily attempt on the part of Sir
Morgan Crofton to deprive me^r. Smyth of
her right ful Claims to her present property,
the "big man" only makes himself ridiculous.

That is the way in which many of our Ancestors
in times past were Swindled out of their
landed rights at home. I too and my people
at home were and have been made victims
to that iniquitous State of scheming and
Robbery - - Listen!!! -

You may remember - at least your mother
does - that fine Estate near ["]Caran Chapel["]
at home, upon which the O'Briens lived and
still live, once belonged to my great Grandf-
ather, "Reynolds", by Grant from the Crown - he,
my Great Father, as here mentioned, in those past
times, went on business to Spain, and left one
of those O'Briens at home to act as his agent in
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His absence - in the mean time, my Great
Grandfather Reynolds died and was buried
in Spain, while O'Brien collected the rents
of the Estate - and gave them for some years
to my Great Grandmother, and to ~~his~~ daughters,
afterwards my Grandmother - things went
on so till my Great Grandmother died, and
then seeing the Coast Clear - and having only
a young girl to deal with, he ^{O'Brien} began his
Swordsmanship - brought the Estate indebted to
himself - and so robbed my Grandmother
of all her rights - and, of course, all those
after her - my Father was the next heir
to that plundered property - I now, after
him, am the rightful heir - the grants
with large Leadon Seals have been always
Kept in the Janerly of James Reynolds of
Drumdoon - they are there yet - I have often
seen them myself - and my Father was often
urged by James Reynolds to put the Case into
the hands of O'Connell in his day - but

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my father was Careless and indifferent in the matter,
and so the Case remains still as in the past -
But I pray you to keep this a Secret, for the
time may yet come, when I myself may see
about it. I find that many fine estates
plundered from the right owners, are from time
to time wrong from Swindlers by clever Lawyers
at home - and from over after many years to
the real heirs - However we shall see and
take our own time for all that !!!

I wrote to Uncle William - it is some time ago,
but have rec^d no answer from him yet -

Please hurry off at once the inclosed letter from
me to you, so that Mr. Bayley may have it in due
time, following the hints laid down.

I am glad to find that you long for the time to
visit me here, as I from my heart most sincerely
do - then we shall have some interesting Chat together.
With kind Compliments to your good mother - to that
old man, George, and all our other Cousins around you,
I remain yours very Sincerely &c

James Drummond
J. D.

Mr. Wm. H. Drummond -

~~Amherst Street~~

Montreal - Canada -

P.S. Say to your
Aunt Bayley that I
wonder Mr. Smyth
has not answered my
letters - they are very
slow at home there.

Dover - New Hampshire,
January 2nd 1875 -

Dear William; -

Your kind letter with
enclosures is just rec^d. - thanks, many
thanks for the same -

the Photograph of Aunt Eliza is a most
Excellent One - Exactly like my Sister Kate,
now Mrs. William Hayes of Randolph, Mass.
Eliza must certainly be a noble looking
Woman - a real Chip of the of the old block,
and a true Specimen of our female
Ancestors, Soft and mild, but firm, fearless
and Generous. Aunt Eliza would do honor
to, and Ornament any Station in life to which
Providence might Call her - - Long may She
live - and may Heavens Choicest Blessings be
upon her! - - Please remember me
most kindly to her -

I wrote some two months ago, and more,
to Uncle William at St. John - Canada -
And,

and forwarded to his address, three Certain printed
pamphlets on a matter of much importance
to R. May affairs in Nova Scotia - but up to
the present have not heard from him - He
may be wisely taking his own time - and therefore
I must wait for that - I may soon write
to him again - and wake him up -

Nothing would please me more than to go to
Montreal and visit you all there - but like
yourself, I am like a Centinel at his post,
and can not leave it - . Thus both of us
are situated - and we must be resigned
to our lot - and wait for some good
time coming in the future -

Much as I long to see you, I fear I must
wait till you can conveniently come here;
for I would not ^{on} any account whatever peril
your hold of your present situation -

Our good George some short time ago wrote
to me - and as this, I hope, will do for both
of you, please plead for me with him that I
be excused

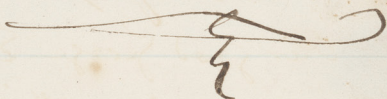
Excused for the present —

myself and household are in Excellent
health here — never better in all our lives —
with me they all send their kindest regards
to you all — to your good mother, George &c.
to Mrs. Price and daughter — and now wishing
you and them a Happy new year, and many,
very many of them, believe ^{me} always your most
affectionate Cousin —

James Drummond,
R. C. Pastor —

Mr. Wm. A. Drummond —
No. 815. Craig Street —
Montreal —

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Over - New Hampshire.
Octr. 27th 1874.

My dear William: —

I have just rec^d.
your very welcome letter inclosing
Photos. of yourself and brother, John —
I assure you I am much pleased
with them, and am grateful for your
having sent them to me — Ann and
my two nieces, the Misses. Teddy here, are
proud of them, and take delight in showing
them to friends here — they are true
likenesses of the Old Stock — well worth
preserving, and I shall take care of them —

I hope I have not offended our good natured
George — I would feel very sorry indeed if I
thought such was the case — but my sole and
only intention was to keep him in future from
troubling himself in his kindness from sending
me those Montreal Papers, which to me
were of no earthly interest whatever — I
Respectfully

Estern George: he is a most Excellent boy,
and, mark me well! will yet become a clever
useful man. Please give him my kindest
regards - and tell him, that such is my mind
and Opinion of him; and best assured that as
time rolls on, you will all find, with God's
help, that I am right.

I am much pleased to know that uncle
William was lately visiting at your house, and
that, as the Yankee says, you all had a good time -
when will it be my lot to have the same honor
and pleasure? - but I must wait my time.

I wrote last week to the Major - and hope
soon to hear from him - He is a clever man,
and the right go-ahead kind of man to push his
way successfully thro' the world; and I hope
and pray that he will always do so - and thus
keep up the fire and spirit of our brave old
Forefathers - where I find that, there still,
I say, lives the good old stock - and where
I find it not - there is degeneracy from some
course

Course or other - and then I say "Away with it!"

With best wishes to your good mother
and family, to Mr Price, and all our other
friends and relatives around you, believe me
always your faithful Cousin &c

James Drummond,
Jr. Jr.

Mr. William, H. Drummond -

No. 815. Craig Street -

Montreal.

Canada East.

P.S. Whenever you can with Safety steal a
march your present tedious Occupation for a few
weeks, do try, and come this way - that we may
have a long talk - and I will be delighted to see
you - J.D.