

Providence 17 January 1828

Dear Mary

Your well know that you  
will have spent some months of extreme un-  
- Easiness & Anxiety before you will receive  
this. Let me which I hope will relieve it in  
So far - - - I had a very stormy passage  
to the Butt of the Lewis, and on the  
10<sup>th</sup> instant, the Wind not being fair  
for the Butland Tenth we leave up  
for Stornaway where we arrived the same  
day, then I got, Simpson & Graham  
orders for the vessel to proceed to Leth  
and she sailed for that port on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
and at the same time Mr Hay and  
me crossed in a small vessel to  
Valla Pool in Ross-shire and from there  
we have come to this place in two days

You and I have wrote you each  
but could find no conveyance for a  
letter each other than myself -  
I can say nothing yet as to my Pros-  
pects, which I believe is low and also  
the subject, but will do the best

Just from — I expect to be at Banff  
to-morrow night, and soon shall pro-  
ceed to Leith as fast as the Coach can  
carry me — while at Stornaway I saw  
Cap<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Leids Father, Two Brothers of George  
Mc<sup>r</sup>Thigay, and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> Mc<sup>r</sup>Thigay  
Father Mother & Sister — this you would  
better mention to them as they will be  
glad to hear that their Friends are all  
well, I intend to call on Mrs<sup>s</sup> Dunbars  
Friend but am not sure that will have  
time as I have only an Hour to write  
this Letter & so that before the Coach  
starts — the people throughout the Country  
I have just passed exhibit the most pail-  
ing Signs of Wretchedness & Misery that ever  
I beheld; their Houses, their Habitations and  
Every thing about them, show that in Do-  
mestic Comforts they fall far short of  
our N<sup>o</sup> Scotia Indians — any one who  
sees them at home will not wonder that  
they emigrate to America.

P.S. Read the other Page & yourself alone

You were well feeling sensibly for the anxiety  
you must feel before you get this letter - I saw and  
felt your Uneasiness at Parting, and altho I  
Breaved it at the time, when alone I gave  
full vent to my feelings - it was truly affecting  
to see little William leaving us and  
begging you not to cry - I would have given  
the Wood at the time (had it been mine) to  
have had it in my Power to Stop & Save you  
further unhappiness - I trust however the  
time <sup>or occasion</sup> will not be lost to us, it has shown  
us more of the Strength of the Conjugal  
affection than I ever knew, and I have no  
wish to be put upon a second try at  
of it in the same way - it has also  
led us frequently to the Throne of Grace on  
our united behalf with a Degree of fervour  
I never experienced before and I trust it has  
had the same Effect on you - Surely we  
ought to Desire these true affections which  
we indulge in here in measure I hope  
may be perfected in Heaven -  
I spent much of my time at Sea in read-  
ing the Psalms of David and found that

Recation please in the 107<sup>th</sup> till William  
to be sum and have his Questions all got be-  
fore James and if he can to get the  
posum — take Good Care of him and  
let the James & let them me to be James affector  
for Dawson

Letter  
J. D. Dawson  
17 Jan 1827

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Mr. James Dawson  
Peters

St. America

Mr. Mackay of New York &  
forwarded by you the  
P. Mackay

Let W. F. from bank to get all the assets  
letted be done and give nothing as credit  
that be can avoid — J. D.