

Leith 28 July 1827

Dear Mary

I wrote you on the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant and sent it by the Brig Mary from Glasgow to New York. — as I did not have a copy I can not exactly tell you its contents, but it matters little — as I know the best News you can get or expect to get from me is to hear that I am well, indeed I have not enjoyed better health for a long time than I have done since I saw you I have stopped the most of my time here at Mr Mercey's, as they would not allow me to go any where else, they must be remembered for it I have just been on a visit to my friends in the North and found them well with few exceptions, I stopped some days by the way to see if I could take any Timber but all to no purpose, they refuse to take it for nothing, as I find it will be impossible to dispose of my Timber I do not expect to bring out many goods and what few I bring, I will endeavor

to get the Furnishings to join me in Charting  
one or two vessels to take home what  
Furber I have on hand — and if I know my  
own mind might we are shall ever find  
me. Shipping any more of this article —  
there is some prospect at present of the duty  
being taken off — if so we will have a  
good year in Nova Scotia.

The cargo of the *Lieut. W. Scott* is just  
landed, but neither it nor the vessel is sold  
indeed they will both take for little, as  
every one here is chop fallen at present  
I have Mr. Turnbull tried some miscell  
and he tells me his mother & Fisher will not  
be ready to go <sup>so</sup> soon as you will, but you may  
tell him that you will have word with some  
of my agents to get them a passage  
when ready — I can not inform you  
what vessel you will come with yet as I  
must get some here first and then you will  
go to Glasgow, and if you do not charter a  
vessel there or find a convenient passage  
you will go to Liverpool and get one from  
there — I understand Mrs. Demary sister

is not going out — tell Mr Mansfield that as  
soon as the ice breaks up in River John he  
will need to send John Gordon or J Duncan  
to look after and secure the Timber, tell  
him to get a List of the people who have to  
give me Timber there from W Townhill  
and send it by the persons who goes over to  
collect — and if it is not necessary for them  
to stop there to leave the List with  
George Pevin who will collect for me  
as he did last year — Try also to get  
word sent down to Robert Paterson to be sure  
and have his Timber down early if possible  
and to have orders at Sydney in case of  
a vessel to go there early — I have just  
learned that the vessel private you on the 8th  
is lost so you will not get that  
letter — you may think long to hear  
of the arrival of the January Packet  
from Halifax which has now been  
long on — as you have you will not  
omit to write me by her — I hope you and  
our two dear boys are well and all your  
friends kind to you — I have not seen nor  
heard

from any of our British people in this Country  
So far not till what they are doing - I have  
No Gratitude to give you from this Country  
the Times are hard, Trade is dull, Meal is dear, money  
is scarce, and we have had a very unsteady winter

Mr. James Causton

Merchant

Peter

Letter 19  
To Mrs Causton

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James in Mr Crichton's Brothers at Dundee and his  
aged Father who looks nearly as young as David  
they are all well. your yours affectionately  
James Causton