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Dear Uncle

N. Carolina Halifax Dec. 23. 1774

I have only wrote you twice since my return to this Country, & have delay'd writing this for some time past in hopes of being able to have given you an account of my having settled my affairs with Doctor Campbell, but I am disappointed still, & find it a very difficult matter to get them ended, but in any case I hope to have it in my power to give you that information — I mentioned in my last that no Articles of Partnership were entered into between the doctor & my Brother, which will be the cause of the Estate gathering much, indeed as the Will is, the Boy Tom must take all the Lands, which are the most considerable part of the Estate, so the other Children will have but little among them, however as Dr. Campbell has never given his Daughter any Portion I have represented to him that in justice he cannot avoid giving what he intended upon the Marriage among the unprovided Children, which I flatter myself he will do, tho at the same time I confess I do not think it is in the Doctor's power to do much for them — In regard to myself

I am still unsettled, not knowing how to proceed untill
the most unhappy disturbances which at present subsist
between the Mother Country & the Colonys are in away of
being settled, at present they bear a most alarming appear-
ance & every day we are expecting ^{to hear} the Boston men & the
Soldiers are got to blows, which would be the commencement
of a bloody Civil War - every one here are compelled to enter
into the measures carrying on for obtaining a repeal of the
Acts complained of, but unfortunately for our Countrymen
they are treated very harshly not being view'd as staunch
friends to the measures in agitation here - It gave us
great sorrow to hear of the death of our Uncle the Doctor
who's loss must be severely felt by his numerous family
I had a letter from John on that melancholy occasion, &
another from Mr Gibson, by which I find that consolation
of his having left them all well provided for - I hope my
Aunt & you enjoy your usual good health, I should have wrote
her now if my wife had not, but as I shall write you again
soon I will write to her then - I have been in the remote parts
of this Province almost all Summer & Fall past for the ad-
vantage of my Cough's health, which was in a very
precarious

situation at the time of our undertaking the journey, but
I thank ^{God} she is greatly mended now, I think she is much
the same as when at your House, she desires her affectionate
respects to you, & Grace begs his also - I expect to
go to Norfolk in the course of the winter when I will send
you some of our Country Flour for a trial of some I think
if to be met with, - I desire my love to my Aunt -

I am Dear Uncle

Yours most affectionately

Thos. Gilchrist

N.B. - The cause of my not writing
through the Summer was owing to the distance
we were at from any opportunity - please
remember me to Mr. Hislop & all friends