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Antigua May 1819

Dear Cousin

I had the pleasure of receiving your very kind Letter by Mr. Heron who arrived quite safe and in good health and stopped with me for six days and then went down to St. Kitts where I have not the least doubt he will be very comfortably situated and no doubt will do well.

I have to apologise for not writing you long ere this but I can assure you I shall never forget your kindness during my stay in Dumfries and hope the period is not far distant when we shall again meet as I have been very unwell for this some time back and is advised to take a European Voyage - I was truly sorry to hear of the death of my Uncle John but it was what I fully expected,

from his advanced age. and I sincerely  
hope Mrs. King is quite recovered from  
her fit of Rheum. My Uncle's family  
in this quarter is greatly reduced.

Mrs. King. her Daughter & Son died  
Two Years ago. and my Uncle is now  
in a state of insanity and very weak. I  
do not think he will live long.

Doctor Yells who married Miss King  
is now in Edinburgh in a state of  
Derangement, and from what I can  
learn he will never get better. His  
Son David has been staying with  
me ever since the death of his  
Mother, My Father & Sister  
Mother have both been very sick  
but as pleasant they are greatly  
recovered, I fully intended visiting  
Dumfries Two Years ago, but as I  
have now a family to provide for  
requires my greatest attention to my

Business, far without that no  
young man can expect to get  
forward, My Father is now getting  
advanced in years and requires my  
help on the spot with him also  
my Uncle Henry, Mrs. M. M. L.  
wishes much to see my Friends in  
Scotland having never seen  
them, she joins me in best  
wishes for your health & stability  
also to all Friends and

I remain Dear Cousin

Yours Sincerely

Robt. M. M. L.

P.S. I hope as we have commenced a  
series of addresses, you will favor me  
with a few lines by every opportunity  
as nothing will afford me greater  
Pleasure

R. M. M. L.

DUMFRIES  
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*Mrs. Mary*

*Blackburn*

*Edinburgh*

*Carroll Douglas*

*Philip*  
*Hammond*

*Dunlop*

*Edinburgh*  
*Shakespeare*  
*March 1819*