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To
Thomas Edgar Esq^r
Hidquarten City
near Dumfries

GLAS
GOW

N^o Carolina Halifax Aug^r. 30. 1775

Dear Uncle

I wrote you in June from Suffolk by a Mr. Campbell going to your Neighbourhood, & since by a Vessel bound to Whitehaven, both which I hope came to your hands; since that time I have not heard from Scotland and after this I cannot expect to hear, perhaps for a long time ~~from~~ God knows when I shall hear from any of you, as our intercourse is to be put a stop to from this time till a reconciliation can take place between Great Britain & the Colonies, which you know is the resolution of the general Congress, & steadfastly acceded to by all the provinces. We are therefore on that account, & on all others, in a most lamentable Situation, where & when these unhappy disputes will end (if ever) God only knows. There is nothing but War, & preparations for War going on throughout this continent, and our unfortunate Countrymen for not seeming to enter heartily into the measures are obliged to go away through fear. Those who do not go voluntarily will probably be compelled to go soon. The dreadful situation of the times are not to be described, & if they could, it is impudent to write freely, as most Letters miscarry now, I will say nothing more than on this melancholy Subject, but pray that an end may be put to the unnatural Contest.

In regard to my own affairs, you will conclude in this scene of confusion that little can be effected. I have with much difficulty brought Doctor Campbell to a kind of Settlement, & in consequence of it I shall get some payments I hope, £500 I have a Gentlemans Bond for which I flatter myself I shall receive, & when I get any more is very uncertain, but if I had my money after

this it would be of no use, as every ~~kind~~ kind of business
whatever is entirely at a stand —

As I expect Mr. Gibson will see you about this time I beg
to refer you to him for a full account of all transactions
this way — I hope my Aunt & you are in your usual good
health, it would make us very happy to hear from you, but
that we cannot expect soon I fear — my wife would write
to her, but she is really not well enough, & therefore hopes
she may excuse it — I would write too, but this Letter
I hope will answer the same purpose, & at any rate it
is very uncertain of any Letter's getting to hand

My wife & the Girls join in their love to my Aunt
& you —

I am Dear Uncle

Yours affectionately

Thos. Gilchrist