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Virginia Norfolk Dec. 18. 1773

Dear Uncle

I arrived here two days ago & have received a most violent shock in the account of my Brothers death, especially the manner of it, which makes me shudder now to think of you will be informed of it before this reaches you, as Jane told Mr Gibson soon after it happened wrote to Doctor Gitchrist concerning it. My Sister who being so very affecting a subject for me forbore declining saying any thing further upon it at present than that I sincerely commiserate his unhappy end, it is the most melancholy stroke I ever felt.

I fear now my scheme of returning soon to England will be quite disannulled, as I understand matters will be in great disorder & there will be difficulty in settling with Dr. Lambell the Partner, who will be forced to pay for some time to come & when it is in his power will be loath even then to part with money, altho he was of no use to the Partnership, it seems he put no money into the Trade, nor did he give his Daughter any thing at her Marriage, so far the consequence has been very unfortunate for my Poor Brother & which it may not have proved more so than in the circumstances I have mentoned at all events I find I will have enough ado to get my rights if I ever get it - every thing considered I am



likely to be under a great deal of difficulty. So I am sure  
must be a sufferer, it gives me great uneasiness to reflect  
on the disappointment it will be to me not to obtain those  
as I am most heartily with you in every respect with this  
boundary - My Brother says his Will in 1771 pretty equally  
divided the <sup>land</sup> between <sup>the</sup> ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> Edgar he has left  
£1000 extra to provide him a useful & genteel Education  
at home, under the care of Mr. Gorton. Since his ~~will~~ Will  
was made he purchased as much land as to the value of  
£1000 which also stands to him as their at law which was  
never intended as by this means too great a share by far  
comes to that Child. So no Dissension at all is made for a share  
between these two Orphans - I will write you more fully  
near opportunity, when probably it will be more in my power  
to ascertain how things are like to turn out -  
I hope my aunt & you are well. I will write her soon  
what a deal of trouble as there is to get through this troublesome  
winter, I will also remember me kindly to my  
Aunt -

I am and affectionately  
Yours

John. Fisher