My dear son,

There appears to be nothing but disappointment and regret in this world. Therefore my dear son, Brother. I don't know what to do, if it can be possible, even if we lose a near and dear relation particularly when there is every probability that the exchange is from a troublesome to a happy and heavenly world. Although mourning however, help assuring the last of our poor dear father who I am extremely sorry to inform you died about 2 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of three weeks, occasioned by overfatigue and anxiety in getting in the harvest. Poor dear man, what a share he made himself all his lifetime for the care of his family and now to be cut off without in the least enjoying the fruits of his labor, you may easily conceive the greatest feeling of the family, so that no papers have as yet been looked into, but as the Packet goes tomorrow I thought it right to give you the earliest information of the sad event. It is three weeks tomorrow since I left Livington, consequently I can give you
no information from that quarter except that the family were all well, when I last heard from Mr. MITCHELL, which was about 2 or 3 weeks since. It is now 6 or 7 weeks since I see any letter from Louisian which I cannot account for. There was a report a short time ago at Washington, the Mary and Thomas were on their voyage home; but not hearing any thing of the ship.Join, did not myself give much credit to it, and believe it is now quite a dead letter, for Mr. H. has not mentioned anything on the subject in either of his letters to me since I have been here. Frederick, I understand, is gone into Somerset to fetch Mr. Richards home, who was there on a visit. I hope the match will take place before Christmas, and I assure you I have no good opinion of it, for I am sure he is not aware of the expenses of housekeeping and that he will consequently get into difficulties, but I hope with all my heart I may be deceived. I have not written to Mr. Hayward by this writing, as I sincerely hope a reconsideration has taken place. That you are again together you will then be able to tell Mr. H. the unhappy state for at present I am not at all equal to letter writing. Mr. Scott, Sir, I trust, will write to me, in kind regard, of sincere good wishes and believe me to remain in fine writing the above. Sincerely yours, your affectionate Brother. I send you this note that Father informed me he had left you. I am informed two little boys are coming shortly, but that you were to have the interest of it among the others. The circumstances are trusted.