Belfast May 30th 1815

Being here my Dr. Clotworthy & finding a good opportunity of writing you I take the advantage of it to acknowledge the receipt of yr. letter of the 15th of March last which gave me very great satisfaction to find that you & your family are well & likely to do well I had written you about 5 weeks before I got yr. last so have little of news to communicate I suppose I told you that we are in hopes of Mrs Jones & Daly returning to us & that Nelly will come with them — I still more & more find ~~more~~ a greater interest in yr. affairs as I sit where here I miss very much our familiar & friendly conversations & the kind & hospitable company of Mr. Birnie please tell her I still retain my friendship & kind good wishes for her on account of her affection & good nature tell Mary and of my love of her for her good temper & industry & Hester for her hospitality & good scholarship I hear she assists well in teaching her young brothers & sisters & Rose for her cleverness & good management I still & hope will always admire her little Fanny for her kindness to our

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