and that she will certainly be over in the latter end of this summer to spend at least a year with her mother & sister – Mrs Armstrong is to bring her son with her as she intends to finish his Education here – now my dr Mr Birnie as so good an opportunity might not offer for years again of getting so genteel a female to bring over the girls I hope my sister & you will not prevent them from coming as Mrs Armstrong will pay every attention to them on the passage and Mrs Warren is to write to her about the girls coming with her – but did you know the happyness that my Mother and I purpose our selves in seeing my dear girls once more back with us – you would not hesitate to let them come – and you may rest as sured that every thing should be done to make them happy, and at the same time to study every thing that would be for their advantage – and when Hester wrote to me in her last letter how much she longed to see her grandmother & me my Mother read her letter and shed tears & said you would surely not prevent her from coming to see her before she would die – my mother & I wrote to my sister on this subject and sent them by a Mr Sufferen who went from this the first of June last – to New-york – but I doubt much whether the may reach you before you get this or not – but least she should not I thought it best to write to you to have your approbation in this business – and if you think of letting the girls come you will please to write to Mrs Armstrong as soon as you receive this letter – I saw Mr David Birnie the other day he is well – I told him the wish the girls had to see their friends in Ireland – & he approves of my plan of bringing Anne & Ellen along with them and putting them to school here – and should you think after some time of returning to your native country you will have the pleasure of seeing the girls Education finished to your mind, and that is more perhaps than you could have by keeping them with you in America – as I have not had a letter from Margaret for some time I am at a loss to know whether she is inclined to visit her friends in this country by this opportunity or not – but could she find it convenient to leave her aunt for some time if she did not like to stay long from her at once she could return with Mrs Armstrong – but as I cannot take upon me to judge for her I will leave it to her self to do what ever she thinks best, and you will please to tell her so – but I am afraid you will perhaps think me selfish in my request to send the girls, but do not – for putting the gratification it would be to both parties out of the question, I am convinced it would be a advantage to the little girls to be some time at a good school – and I have not the least doubt but my sister will consent if you do – I saw your old friend Doctor Stevenson lately we had a great deal of talk about you he expected you would have wrote to him before this – I wish when you write to me that you would let me know how Worthy is getting on with his Education – as I am very ancious about him, as he is now at that time of life that he ought to have the benefit of being at a good school – I am quite happy to have that Lipton is so much better – my Mother unites with me in love to you Betsy and all the rest of the family – Mr & Mrs Napier & the rest of there family desire to be most affectly remembered to you all – and believe me my dear Mr Birnie your truly affect sister –

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