who are still in a most distressed situation Oh my
Dear Sir could you but see your Uncle & Aunt
how your heart would bleed for them they cannot
be said to live they exist & that is all was it not
for their Grand Son Mr. Clerk they would be in
absolute want he has supported them for some
time past & what adds to his merrit in support-
ing his aged Parents they do not know who sends
them the relief for God sake try amongst his old
Friends & correspondents to get him some money
sent home indeed if you can get this done it
will be as great an act of Charity as ever you
did in your Life. My Father & Mother are both
in health & bear their change of life with
that fortitude that astonishes every body.

I am much pleased with the accounts we have of
Mr. Clerks being so much liked in America indeed he
is a most deserving young Man I sincerely hope
he will meet with that success his merit entitels
him to. Miss Clerk desires her best Compliments
to you & desires me to tell you she has not forgot your
holding her Arm at Hackney. She is a most
accomplished fine Girl perhaps you may think
me partial but I am not for every body will
tell you the same. My Sister Lees are two fine
girls they are both at School & bid fair to be
very pretty Women Nelly is much such a
Mad Cap as I was at her age Peggy is her
Mother over again & they are both very good
natured. I have got three great Neices I am very
angry with James de Bruiera for making me
a great Aunt so soon he makes me look old

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