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Dumfries Bank 10 January 1831

My dear Father

I received yours by Mr Clark but had not time to send an answer by him as he returned the next day. I have returned the two bridles and bought you a new saddle which will go up packed in a sea chest to you in a few days. it would have cost £2.10.0 I have repaired the old one and the new one only costs £4.0.0 which 3 months ago would have cost £5.10.0. I have also returned the Stays to Messrs J & W Robertsons. and the letter I took to Melville's office he was not in therefore had to leave it. Mr Adley does not seem inclined to give you more than 13<sup>d</sup> and he has got a letter for you to enclose the Bill of Lading if you agree to his terms. The accounts that he has got of wool lately are very flattering, and you must be guided by your own judgment, if you have 25 Bales at 250<sup>lb</sup> per bale it would amount to £300 and the interest of money would be an object for the goods that you might get out would perhaps not find so ready a market. I am glad to hear you have got over the bustle of harvest as it is a very fatiguing job we have never been able to discover the worst yet. Indeed I am now 10 Days behind with the posting as all the time Mr Adley was up the Country Mr Hamilton

did not render us any assistance and what could I  
& Mr Dixon do but merely get on with the business  
of the Day I have got so weak with so much in  
doors work that I am quite out of spirits Mr  
Walter is still very ill and not able to attend  
I never hope now to find out the error as  
we have called over the whole of the posting and  
discovered nothing, It does not do for to doing  
other work when ones own is getting behind  
all the winter I have been collecting and first one  
job and then another that I suspected how it would be  
quite confusion at the last.

I am glad that you have a little  
sociability in the country for I do not see any thing  
of the kind here, it is merely the aristocracy who  
think that every body here is created for their will  
and to serve them, and do not seem to have any  
feeling for any body else but themselves — I do not  
think but they think the worse of you for being  
such a fool as to slave for them —

with best love to you all remain

your dutiful son  
W Blake