

Dear Brother:

Woodbourne 12 mo. 27. 1842. 1170

Thy acceptable letter inclosing my
aff^{ts} ^{sent} was duly received, and we have since heard, through
Father, of the accession of a daughter to thy family. a daughter
in the country, where the fire-side circle often wants fill-
ing, is considered an acquisition. the wandering propensities
of our sex, begin to show themselves at an early period of
life, and we are not so often found in the social or family
circle, as our more domestic sisters, wives and daughters,
whose natural element does not seem to be so much in the
open air as ours. please let us know in thy next, by what
designation we are to distinguish our new niece, and which
of the family she is said most to resemble &c. &c. our
little Caroline Elizabeth is beginning to talk, & is very
sprightly, healthy and interesting. we had not heard any-
thing particular respecting Sister Elenor for a good
while, except what was given in thy last. I am sorry
that a more favourable account could not be given.

our thoughts were often with you, when reading in the newspapers
the accounts of disasters on the sea coast to the Eastward. please
let us know how the ailment in thy throat is. I am obliged
for the information given by thee in relation to business, but
the accounts are so gloomy, that it almost makes one feel mel-
ancholy, to think of them. yet it is natural to desire to know
all that is in agitation. — which of all the subscribers to
the Stock of the Union Canal, at the time of subscribing,
dost thou think, supposed that there was any doubt, that the guar-
antee of the State was sufficient to secure the payment of
the interest on the am^t subscribed? I will venture to say,
not one. — we have now good sleighing here, and as a consequence
occasional visits from neighbours and friends. — my love to Sister
Hannah. — Susan intends to speak for herself. affec-
tionately, thy brother

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Attention of
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