



Letter to

**Mr William Drysdale
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Dear uncle i would have written as soon as i arrived hear had not my sister Elizabeth been so ill and i was waiting the time to see wether she would get better or worse

it was 6 days from the time we left liverpool till we past Capeclear and 27 days in the whole pasfage to newyork. i arrived at home on marblehead on the 26th September and was happy to find all the family well

after which i have just mentioned to you with regard to the goods that i brought with me those shalls that i purchased from John Archibald at 12 shillings ?? i sold them at 5 dollars 5 cents each as they took the market very quickly and those that i purchased at 9 shillings i sold also at 5 dollars 5 cents each and those that i purchased from John Dawson at 4? i sold the principle part at 2 dollars and those that i purchased from you at 9? i have sold them at 4 dollars per shall i the 20 shalls that i purchased from you at 15? Per shall there is a mistake of five pounds on the list of them and shall refer it to your book i had not time to look over it privious to my coming away i looked over

it on my journey and found out the mistake and the socks and stockings that br?ght with me i am making about 20 pirt? upon them trade in general throught the unitedstates has been very dull all summer and is yet at present but we have always work here yet but dont think it will last long unles our employer gets more work and if he dos we shall be very glad as my two brothers and me can avrige about 1 pound per day we shall stope here all wintre i think and i shall be looking out for a place which I can purchase and settle my mother and the family on it

my sister Elizabeth has had a young son since my arrival and getting better sloly she had what we call the chill fever ? she took it privious to the birth of the child and was very bad we was almost hoplis of her recovery

my sister Jeane and is all well and doing well

you will remember the twenty shalls at 15? per shall the amount is 15 pounds and in the bill 20 pounds and I think those shalls that I purchased of John archibald would be more preferable in this country than any that I brought with me as I belive I could have sold them as far as I could hold them ?? the patirn is very admirable here i should have liked to delayed a little longer before i should have wrote you for to have given you the account of Moclour? Trial but thought i delayed long enough his trial is going on at utica? in york state but we have got ?no account of if yes i have given you all the particulars at present and time hurrys one now

give my best respects to my unt and all enquiring frends

James Balfour