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POSCHEE 32 -Canid d per Lale anifacturer alva sheet . Alloa Letter ter Seen Dempster, on her menninge ter Dovid Drysdole, fin her comin John Dempster - 1793 Advisingter her te behave as a wife?

Dear Cousin As it is not in my power to pay m respects to you to day with your friends who may he waiting upon you permit me in This manner congratulate you on your late change of condition & to wish you all manner of prosperity. May you never have cause to repent your choice; but as MyDrysdale & you grow do logether may your mulual attachment grow Stronger. & Gronger. But that this may be the case much pridence much meehnefs is necessarry in your paint. Lady Dowager Stirling has an observation which I have heard her lady ship make frequently I in which I am persuaded there is much truth. Herdservation is that it requires no lefs art to maintain a husband's affections than to roin them This task non falls to you. fould I give you an advice him to succeed in this busines I would do

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## Dear Cousin

As it is not in my power to pay my respects to you today in person with your friends who may be waiting upon you, permit me in this manner to congratulate you on your late change of condition and wish you all manner of prosperity. May you never have cause to repent your choice, but as Mr Drysdale and you grow old together, may your mutual attachment grow stronger and stronger. But that this may be the case, much prudence, much meekness is necessary on your part.

Lady Dowager Stirling has an observation which I have heard her ladyship make frequently and in which I am persuaded there is much truth. Her observation is, 'that it requires no less art to maintain a husband's affections than to ruin them.'

This task now falls to you. Could I give you our advice than to succeed in this business I would do it with pleasure. But when I consider your own good sense and how near you are to your Mother, who has so successfully secured this object, I whose counsel will never be a wanting. I have no occasion to regret my ignorance on this subject but although I would not presume to offer anything as from myself, give me leave to transcribe a few sentences from a letter which an eminent Christian wrote to his niece, when in such a situation as you are now.

"By all means (says Mr Williams to his niece) by all means keep on good terms with your husband. Submit yourself to him, as unto the lord. Never dispute any point with him, nor go beyond a mild and gentle persuasion. It is no less your interest than your duty to please him. It is the only way to secure his love and the surest way to have your own will. Whilst he sees you make it your study to please him, he never will think he can do too much to please you. Every man has his foibles. Men are apt to run into some or other little indulgences, or gratifications, customs modes and forms, which are not always so pleasing to their wives as to themselves. No doubt you will possessed of some of these and tenacious of them. In such a case be find Mr sure never to thwart him. If anything should appear imprudent in his conduct, you will think of some gentle method to give him a view of it. But in whatever is perfectly innocent, never give him the least uneasiness nor so much as wish he would refrain from it. I wish I could persuade you to pray with him sometimes, in your turn, as well as he with you. I know nothing you can do, which hath a more direct tendency to cherish, and maintain conjugal love."

I bear my best compliments to Mr Drysdale and hope of the pleasure of his acquaintance. Please remember me fondly to all friends at Messend Green in Dalkeith and believe me to be with much affection.

Dear Cousin Your Humble Servant John Dempster

Glorat 31st August 1793