

Dear Aunt

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I was duly in receipt of the two acceptable letters of November 14th & 28th last past, the latter one conveying the intelligence of the decease of Aunt Rachel, and covering several papers relative thereto, and although she had numbered so many years, still her death came unexpectedly upon me, for having got over the effects of the unfortunate burn, was considered by me as indicative of good vital powers for her advanced age. I take up the former letter to reply to first and have to say, that my Brother William left a widow and child about 8 years old they will not be in want as her father is well off. All matters and persons were going on well in Ohio at my last date and I trust will continue so to do. I wonder that you do not get more regular advices from them, it is pleasing to learn that the marriage of Uncle William's daughter is expected to prove a happy one. It is always satisfactory to me to learn from you the changes that occur in Old Ireland and I always note with attention marriages and births & deaths, the

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latter has been numerous of late, and as you very justly
observe the gaps created thereby in our later years
are difficult to supply, but this is the lot of humanity,
and we must meet it with resignation and patience.
It created a melancholy feeling to learn from your
letter at Palmersley there was not "one rose if the
"Wilderness left on its stalk to shew where the garden
had been" I should however like to see it once more
before I die, and indeed it is possible that I may,
for I have latterly been trying to dispose of the
estate, so as to have it at my disposal, and
I may perhaps effect it, in which case who knows
but I may have the pleasure of embracing you in
the Cottage in Seville Place - Please to give my
best love to John Dool & family and to all rela-
tives and friends, for it pleases me to think
that I am not forgotten by them - I have perused
and reperused all you have said about my Dear
Aunt's death with sympathy and interest, and it
is a source of consolation that she departed from
us without sufferance, and was respectfully attended
to the last home of all - I note that she left about
5 1/2, and that the craft which she declared using had

been found, and that Nathaniel Williams of Cole Alley
has been named administrator and accepted thereof
to whom I now address a few lines open and under cover
to you in order that you may peruse the same before
handing it over to him, and by it you will observe that
I have for granted that the testamentary & craft
will agreeably to your opinion be found legal, it
would have been quite as agreeable to me had the
document not existed, and that her verbal desire
towards you had been acted on, but as it has turned
out, I have thought it meet, and a proper application
of the means to make her over altogether to my Father
Archibald to aid towards the education of the
children, and I therefore address him the day to
that effect advising him to correspond with
the Administrator through you. The unused
draft you will observe I have instructed to be
handed to you by Nathaniel Williams, and I have
to request that you will return it to me, cut
in halves by two different opportunities. The
same as your usual correspondence through
Kingston Jamaica, his but fair and right

that any expense which you may have incurred or
may hereafter incur should be made good to you and
I have written the same to that effect, now if I have
in any part of the transaction from the survey of
business, acted without sufficient reflection please
to say so to me, in order that I may correct what
I see it may have in any way influenced. It
is not at all my intention that our correspondence
come to a close, inasmuch as it is a pleasure
as well as a duty incumbent on my position to
retain a pen upon the land of my forefather
and relatives & by correspondence at least, and
not permit the silence and oblivion of the grave
to envelope it while I am myself among the living.
The past year has been a very busy one for me
as well commercially & politically
and agricultural, indeed in most matters
except the one for the preservation of which
I sincerely thank protecting Providence. I hope
to hear from you & remain always
your affectionate nephew
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