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Sophie Estlin April 26 1820

My Dear Aunt  
Martha Wright

I received your kind letter of  
February 24 last night, and in order to satisfy you  
that I have not the least idea of letting our correspon-  
dence terminate I have not a moment in replying -

I wrote last in reply to the letters  
to which yours allude, sometime in December last  
as near as I can recollect, I cannot fix the exact  
date, as I do not keep any copies of family or  
friendly letters, but when I did so write, I enclosed  
the annual remittance for Aunt Rachel of \$50 Sterling  
which I hope has before this got safe to hand,  
but at all events to guard against the contrary I  
now place under cover the third of said bill of ex-  
change endorsing it in your favor for negotiation,  
in case the first thereof has not reached you, and  
I am much gratified to learn that Aunt Rachel is  
more cheerful than former, and there take occasion  
to repeat that I shall not fail in my year of grace  
for \$50 (\$7) and that I shall hold to my determina-  
tion to refund the monies that have been advanced

for her use by the meeting as religiously as if it had  
been a debt created for myself as soon as I feel  
in a situation so to do, without having to take up  
the amount or interest, which I must well be before  
a long time elapses - I observe what you say  
relative to Father both day and age, and I assure  
you he bears his years nobly, and I trust in God  
that he will still enjoy many of them, he and Achemial  
and myself were glad when I was on my passage to Ohio  
in 1833, Father as near as I recollect 201. Achemial  
203 and myself 209 or 10 Dr. for 11, well for an  
average family weight of water drinkers, and the  
headest of the three on vegetable diet too - in a  
prospect of births I would feel obliged to you, if  
you could furnish me with the date of mine, which I  
really have forgotten - I did not lose any thing  
by the Fire at New York, but one of my Partners  
operating on his own account did to a considerable  
amount but not so much as to affect his fortune -  
I shall be pleased to hear that you are enjoying  
your own Cottage Home for which as you being justly  
observe the most agreeable mode of living - It is  
indeed a long period since you have corresponded

101 to Father, but you know that he never liked letter  
writing, nor to say the truth does his son James like  
it either, never the less he has been eight or ten or a  
hour at the desk this day for he had it an uncom-  
fortable fact that if we do nothing towards the  
pleasure of others in the world, but what we like  
considered in the abstract our selves, we must indeed  
be considered as doones not fulfilling our share  
to the joint stock of happiness.

I have the pleasure of saying  
that I at present enjoy pretty good health  
to maintain which I live temperately.

Please to remember me affection-  
ately to all friends & relations, and believe  
me Dear Aunt to remain

Always & Ever  
Your affectionate Nephew  
James Wright

P.S. I do not enclose the draft as stated herein, as  
I perceive by reference to the date, that the first thereof  
had not had time to reach you, and I presume that  
it has got to hand in proper time, and it would

be doubling postage on you unless you are to include  
and then, until I hear from you again.

*J. M.*

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*Wm. M. Knight*  
*Esq. of the Inner Row*  
*Dublin Ireland.*

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