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Saline Nov 2nd 1852

My Dear Friend

Many silent years has elapsed since you and I parted but our friendship is as strong as that day I assisted in carrying your chest over to Dollar. As my family are all grown up we have long thought on going to America. It must be now or never. I have 2 sons, Tailors, the one has been in business this number of years, the other is at home with myself. We should be most happy if you would be kind enough to send word how the prices go for Gentleman's Garments. Do you think I would be likely to gain a good business if I were to come. I think you would have a good deal of influence yourself being so long there. As there are some more families intending to go out please to state at what price the provisions are sold and how the houses are rented if you know how much it takes from New York to Albany if there is anything which I may have forgot to mention perhaps you will mind yourself and be kind enough to write as soon as you get this and give me all the news. Give our kind Love to Mrs Reid and let me know how many of a family you have got. We have had a splendid crop this season provisions are very moderate here. We were at your Brother John's getting your address, he and his family were all well. P.S. we shall be happy to renew our old saying when we meet. Now hoping this shall reach you in a perfect state of health as this leaves us all in at present. I shall conclude at this time and believe me to remain your faithful friend.

John Cousins, Tailor  
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Fifeshire, Scotland

Letters From Scotland to James Reid 1833 - 1868  
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