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Saline, April 5th 1834

Dear Brother,

I take this opportunity of writing unto you to let you know that we are all well in hopes to find you all the same. Your father received your letter dated January 27th and he had written to you about three weeks before he received your letter and he was very sorry that he did not know that your good father was dead he directed your letter to the care of him. I have seen and heard from all your relations short sine and they are all well and happy to hear from you but we are not well pleased of your way of writing. We think you are careless in never mentioning one of us, but I am sure it is not the same with us at home for young and old is always keeping you in remembrance even them that never saw you says when will my uncle James come and see us. I have got three in life, two daughters and a son and have had another son but is dead. I am still with William Cusins in Saline and engaged till Martinmas trade is appearing to be ever brisk this season and wages is still in a rising way, tho very poor understand to what you speak of but our living is very steep at present and by what I hear we are nearly as well at home. This gentleman and I may well call him a gentleman that takes the care of your letter, he promises to call on you and give you the letter and he asked me to give my consent to come next spring if he sends a good account, he offers to take me out if he sees a right way of holding me, but Elizabeth is very sore against it and I think she is maybe rightest. I would be very happy to see you and yours but I dare say we never will on account of the distance and the great gulf betwixt us. I would wish you to take a little time when you write and send a little more account about your place and how you are situated in it and if you write as soon as convenient if you receive this letter Elizabeth wishes me to write you that she was long sorrowful for you to being in so great a distance, but she says that she is grown hardened on account of your never writing us and all in so good agreement and she still think you would be better to come home again for you can't be without difficulty as well as at home for we suppose according to the account we hear of the cold and the heat, it must be a more agreeable climate here and shortly we will have only our bakbrid and for which cause the course of this life may be of little effect . I would wish

you would continuing your sending your letters to your father as long you have him, for he is very much uplifted with your letters and pays as much respect to them as anything in this world because they are all that he has for you. John Cousin was wishing to put a few lines in this letter I delayed till it was too late. We thank your ? No more at present, but remains your loving brother

John Reid.

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