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Saline Feb 17th 1836

Dear Sir,

I take this opportunity of writing a few lines to you to inform you of my intentions of coming to Albany the next spring if you think I will be better, so I depend upon you for all information. Still the price of every article of clothing & c.c. and if you want any clothes I will bring them with me. Send how the houses rents and the fares of ? writing and what things I should bring out with me. I have plenty of trade here but the prices is very small. Your folks is all well, your sister is to be married at the term Your brother John is speaking in coming out with me if there is any encouragement for rights trade is getting rather better in this country and wages is on the advance. Your brother John wrote a letter to you last summer but received no answer but I hope you will not forget to write as soon as convenient. The price of the boll of oatmeal is 16/- per boll, the boll of potatoes is 5/6 per boll. The carrier of. this letter is a particular friend of mine. By doing him a favour it will be the same as your doing it to myself. I have no particulars to inform you of. I will bring a good stack of news when I come, so dear James, I think it will be a happy stilling if the country has not altered your disposition . So my old friend this leaves me and all my family in good health, thank God, hoping this find you and all your family in the same, this is the sincere wish of your wellwisher & c.c.

Direct my letter thus

To John Cousin, Tailor

Saline by Dunfermline

Fifeshire, Scotland.

Note:

& c.c. Think it stands for Et cetera (abbreviation: etc. or &c.)

Letters From Scotland to James Reid 1833 - 1868

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