My dear Grandpapa

I got your letter for which accept my best thanks.

To we poor town birds it is so refreshing to hear what is going on in the country & I am sure the last rain must have gladdened the hearts of all the farms, yours into the bargain.

Lady Menzies[[1]](#footnote-1) and Miss Douglas went to Rannoch yesterday and in the meantime Miss Husband and Gracie[[2]](#footnote-2) have come to stay with us. I am very glad of it.

Have you been over to see the new school yet?[[3]](#footnote-3) Are there many children just now.

I think my first visit will be there after seeing my pony & garden. All Edin~ is so taken up about the General Assembly & I hear Lord Mansfield [[4]](#footnote-4)is going to do the thing better than any of his predecessors & we heard yesterday that he had got three men cooks beside women cooks & that all the materials had all come either from Paris, or London & Papa talks of taking us to see the procession from the Catton Hill to-morrow & of which I hope in my next letter to give you a more lengthened account and I expect to enjoy myself as I have never seen any thing of the kind before as there are not many processions with carriages & four in Strath Ardle. I saw Lord Mansfield’s carriage yesterday & did not think he displayed much taste but hope he will get handsome horses to redeem it—& now with best love

Believe me

Yours affte

Jane Amelia Keir

P.S. I hope Grandmama is keeping quite strong and well.

Wednesday

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*ref.letter 1JKto Grandpapa*

1. The 2nd wife of her maternal Grandfather Sir Neil Menzies [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Her mothers younger stepsister. Lady Menzies daughter. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Straloch School [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. William David Murray 4th Earl of Mansfield (1806-1898) MP for Perthshire 1837-1840, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1852,1858 &1859 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)