Kindrogan 11th Nov 1859

My Dearest Willy

I return you the pound Note you sent me in another shape adding 20 percent which I hope you will think good interest for the short time I have had the use of it. A post office Order for £2 is enclosed. It is now very convenient that we have got an Order office established at Kirkmichael.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The weather is now very cold. It was [felt] time to emigrate from Bognor [found] [just] [ course] Southgate is [warmer] [quarters] You certainly took a long walk to see a stranded ship but of all Shipwrecks occurring during the late terrific gales, that of the Royal Charter[[2]](#footnote-2) was the most awful.

Jane Emmy[[3]](#footnote-3) still lingers at Raigmore[[4]](#footnote-4). They are very unwilling to part with her but we expect her home the end of next week. She has had a gay time of it and poor Kitty[[5]](#footnote-5) a very dull one.

Great changes are taking place among the servants at this time Margaret [Christy] Robertson, the Herd Boy […] Campbell & Peter Morrison & Donald Cameron are all leaving. The latter seems to have tired very soon of his […..] profession, Peter Cameron has also [relinquished] his profession & is off to New Zealand.

I am sorry to say I am very poorly much weakening & seldom moving from the fireside & Grandmama too does not [………]. It is certainly a very premature winter. If the frost continues there will be plenty of [curling] when you come.

[Securing] the Turnips & ploughing have all ceased. Acknowledge receipt of the order and

believe me ever

yours affte Grandpapa

P Small Keir

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1. The nearest village to Kindrogan [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The Royal Charter ship wrecked off the coast of Anglesey 25/10/1859, 483 lives lost. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. His sister [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Willy’s Aunt Grace’s, (his mother’s stepsister), home in Inverness. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. His other sister Catherine (Kitty) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)