My dear Grandpapa – Many thanks for your letter. I was glad to hear everything was quite well, and that some of my cuttings are alive. Mama & Papa dined at Prestonfield[[1]](#footnote-1) last night.

How is the puppy you took North with you? And then I shall have asked for everything at Kindrogan (except the ferrets) your favourites. As there is no water in the river I suppose you have not been fishing, There was a little rain on Sunday and Monday but to day it is quite dry and fine. Uncle Fletcher’s [[2]](#footnote-2)marriage is fixed to take place the first week in July.

I am very glad, for that will bring us North. I hope Grandmama’s cold is better and that you are quite well.

I have no more time for the prayer bell has rung, and I have to be busy after breakfast. We are all quite well, With kind love,

 Believe me,

 your affte

 Catherine Menzies Keir

Wednesday

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1. Prestonfield House on the edge of Edinburgh owned by the Dick Family for generations. A Mr Brown resided there at the time of the letter. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Her mothers stepbrother married Maria Steuart Menzies of Culdares on 8 July1852 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)