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Mansa of Cracy July 23-180 5 Dear Madamy lake the opportunity of Dr Freether latter to express my condelence with you Is your family upon the loss of to worthy an knowand, of so affectionale a parenty god is the judge of theroidon. I a Hallier of the Feather less I hage that you is yours will find him so. all your friends have long looked for andification from Some one of your family of your husbands de all but in vaix. The changes which have to appeared in Montrole Some you left it are in numerable, alongst all your arguai planeres are dead, Mirs Palarson a friend by our family is Still alive, ber heest and is in the last stage of life. from Milabell who came to Mantiosa insmediately after your less change, becaused for the less one Daughter, talely volume change, becaused he exmedidated himself of the started from the wind hed her of her family raside on a an attempt for John Sideralion where he may be a seful the la to obtain a vacant havege in Londons for many the Creeding, in thina few weeks by a tring base in Mondrose is to be supplied Judes and by the infirmation of age of reference of your work and about fifteen months ago, my Just of age of reference of your work of a tronger from I edburgh, an aminent wear. With this you will Theith purposely to do havever to the monory of your decaded worthy bust and please to achoom: I le dge the recogety of thris, my family unite with me in Complemente of condo lon co with your yours, so variain Dear Madarin yours affertionally Ja: Paton

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For more than a year I have been indulging myself with the hopes of hearing from you or from some of your Family, the irreparible [!] breach in which has been to me the source of much painful regret and of many a melancholy reflection

You also have been deprived of one of the best of Husbands, and one of the best of Men is forever lost to his Friends and Mankind, and what has not his beloved Family lost!; most sincerely do I feel for you and for your Family and most heartily sympathise with you and with them - Duly sensible of your extreme cause of affection, I lament in it one of the first of Men as, I one of the best of Friends, one when living whom I loved with the most sincere attachment and one whom I will never cease to mourn till I cease to live

He did honour to his Country and to Mankind, but his Merits were not duly prized the World was not worthy of him -

I have lately paid the humble tribute of Gratitude to the Memory of departed Excellence in a Monody I have written to his Memory, and I hope you and your Family will forgive the Errors and Defects with which the little performance abounds -, the Author could scarcely prevail on himself to make the attempt well knowing how unfit his Talents were to celebrate in a becoming manner the Genius and the Virtues of his matchless Friend, - but as no one has undertaken the Task, he was induced to make a feeble effort in honour of his never to be forgotten Friend, in honour of departed Excellence, and transcendant Genius. - From my particular situation I have requested the Favour of our good friend D. Paton to get this forwarded to you along with along with half a Dozen Copies of the Monody - Much does the good Doctor feel for the loss of his unrivalled Friend and much is he interested in those that

were near and dear to him - May I request the favour of hearing how you and your Family do -, I would have written to your eldest Son who is my old acquaintance had I known where to address for him - Be so good as say whether any of the Doctors valuable Writings are to be published-, it is pity that such should be lost to the World forever

I have thoughts if I am spared till Winter of publishing a second Edition of the Monody with some additions and a Print of the Doctor taken from a Picture I had drawn of him many years ago — With every good wish to you and your Family and in hopes of hearing from you or some Branch of your Family I remain With Regard

Your Sincere Friend & Obed Sert

P.S. Address for Doctor Keith Charles Keith to the care of John Keith Esq^T

Collector of Customs, Montrose

Dear Madam

I take the opportunity of DT Keiths letter to express my condolence with you & your family upon the loss of so worthy an husband, & so affectionate a parent, God is the judge of the widow .. & a father of the Fatherless. I hope that you & yours will find him so. All your friends here long looked for a notification from some one of your family of your husbands death but in vain. The changes which have to appeared in Montrose since you left it are innumerable, almost all your acquaintances are dead, MTS Paterson a friend to your family is still alive, her husband is in the last stage of life. M. Whitehall 17, who came to Montrose immediately after you left it. & married MT Mollesons (?, Daughter, lately re, signed, his charge, because he considered himself a torn, useful than he wished, he & his family reside in Ecdinburgh, waiting for some situation where he may be useful, he made, an attempt to obtain a vacant charge in London, formerly MT Creedens ;?, but without success; his place in Montrose is to be supplied within a few weeks by a MT Esdaile a countryman of your own. Induced by the infirmities of age I resigned my charge about fifteen Months ago, my Successor is a MT Brewster from Sedburgh, an eminent man. With this you will receive Six copies of a Small work composed by Doctor Keith purposely to do honour to the memory of your deceased worthy husband, please to acknowledge the receipt of this, my family unite with me in Compliments of condolence with you & yours, I remain

Dear Madam Yours affectionately

Ja. Paton

On verso:

Mrs Nisbet

widow of Doctor Charles Nisbet late President of the College of N. Carlisle, Pennsylvania NT: America.