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My Dear Brother

at six o'clock this morning your
beloved Maria and children with our Mother Jane com-
menced their homeward journey. I cannot tell you with
what feelings I parted from them. God bless you, and
them for the happiness you have afforded me in this
visit. I love you a thousand times more than ever
and that seemed impossible before you came but what
is excellent in itself must be more valued the better it
is known and thus My dear Sister, every day became dear
to me and Cary, sweet Cary became so intelligent and
intelligible, that he was quite a new character. It is by
talking about them to you and thinking how happy you
are going to be in getting them home again, that reconciles
me to my deprivation. They left here in perfect health.
Maria has greatly improved and the sweet children in
fine spirits. Reekie gave them a new Carriage, and
Tomlinson provided a good driver & fine horses they are
to have fresh horses throughout the journey at the same
places that the regular line changes, so that they will
travel more agreeably and more rapidly. The weather is
warm, but bright & clear and we heard yesterday that
the river is in good order so that I hope with the blessing

of Providence they will speed on prosperously to the
happiness of being reunited to you, and their own dear
home - The family here are much as you left them - Father
Etting had an interval of three weeks of health both bodily
and mental - he was suddenly attacked again and is now
recovering - Isabella is still suffering - all else are well - Maria
got off to day without the pain of leave taking - every body felt
that it was kindness not to feel too much and so the dear
nephews were admiring the new carriage and four long tailed
horses and they stepped in without bidding good bye, so
you must tell the boys they all owe me a kiss -

Adieu my dear Brother, accept the love of all our
friends here and the most grateful affection of your smaller
- ally & devoted sister Eliza -



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