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My Dear Sir,

I have often thought of you since I came here and wondering how you are always getting on.

I have been kept very busy since I came to this country, but I like it very much, and I feel as well as I ever did, only I am missing the jovial chats I so often had with my many friends in Ross-shire & you among the first on the list.

This is a great country we are in and a splendid climate. It is pretty hot in the middle of the day but is always cool at night, so you can sleep sound (even without Spurgeons Sermons beside you). It took us 3 days and 3 nights on the train from New York to this place, but we thought nothing of the journey as the carriages are very comfortable. We got an addition to our family since we came to America (a daughter). I will soon be as bad as yourself.

The Company that I am with has a splendid property here and a first class lot of cattle, we will have over 30,000 calves this season, fancy that!

How are all the Kincardine people getting along? Did the Strathcarron tenants get Braelangwell, and is the Bank or Lady Ross to give them credit.

I suppose by this time Henderson will have charge of Croick. I am very sorry to see Henderson there at all as he deserves a better place. If he was a younger man I could get something for him here that would pay him much better.

Has Lady Ross entered into possession of Balnagown Mains? I hope she will get her fill of it. I am very sorry for Mr Forsyth, how he is treated by the B. I do wish he would get a good farm and throw her overboard then I think she would value him.

I am told you had hard work at the Election and that you did not get out of your room for a week after.

Will you please remember me kindly to Henderson when you see him also to Willie Munro Brae & Kenny Dan. Tell Henderson I will write him soon.

How is the salmon fishing getting on this year, is it going to pay at the advanced rent. I wish I were near you to get a salmon, there are none in this country.

If you can spare the time, how pleased I will be to have a few lines from you with a little gossip & now my kind old friend with kindest regards to you all

I remain yours  
Murdo Mackenzie