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I would like to hear if this letter with its enclosure, such as it is, reach you in safety, and to be informed of how you all are. I sent your mother an Aberdeen Journal not very long ago. I have also received from time to time a number of papers from Canada. Please present our kindest regards to both Mrs. Bowers and other relatives.

I am
My Dear Nephew
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