

Letter adressed to:  
 Mrs. Annie Fleming  
 at Belmdunt  
 Jan. 29, 1770.

Dear Sister,

When shall I see you again, for it seems almost an age since I had any of your company, for I have been talking every day of going to see you for 2 weeks past, but something or other allways (!) interfered to prevent me, & now it seems as if I was fix'd at home for a time, as the Waggon is gone down to Bedford & they have got poor McCorkle in it, & a very busie (!) time is coming on now before the Court, pray Dear Sister cant (!) you take a ride down shortly & see us, my Mamma is confind(!) with her Arm, & Sara (?) is very ailing, she had fitts (!) a friday (!) last but is a little better now, I hope to see you this week some how or other, tell Lency I'll have a cake for him.

I am Dear Sister Yours very affectly.

Annie Christian

Jan 29, 1770

P.S.

I long to see your new House how its (!) going on pray if possible get one of the work men to make us a knife box.

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Ann Fleming  
 at Belmont  
 Dec. 3, 1770

My Dear Sister,

We are now settled in our new Habitation, & I can't say but it is full (!) as agreeable as I expected, but when I reflect on the great distance which is now between us it makes me a little maloncholly (!), but I comfort myself with the thought of seeing you this Christmas (!) with Mr. Fleming. Mr. Christian is highly delighted with Mahanaim, & I cannot but take pleasure in seeing him pleasd (!), I have nothing now to entertain you with as Tommey will inform you of perticulars (!) We hope to hear from you by the first oppty (!) & hope poor little Lenney will be well by this time tell him to come & see his cousin Prissay, my best wishes attend Mr. Fleming & believe me to be with much esteem my Dear Sister your ever affect  
 Annie Christian

P.S.

pray remember me to Sister Trigg when you see her.

Decbr. 3, 1770

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Annie Christian.

To Anne Fleming.

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Annie Christian.

To Anne Fleming.

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Letter addressed to:

Mrs. Ann Fleming  
at Belmont

Per favor  
Mr. D. May

Dunkard Bottom

Dec. 4th 1770

Dear Sister,

I wrote you the other day by Tom McElheny <sup>Henry</sup> (? illegible)  
---Mr. May came here yesterday, & I was very glad to hear you are  
all well & it gave me the greatest pleasure to hear by Mr. Flem-  
ings (!) letter that you intend us a visit this winter. I send  
the chintz (!) pattern, & I hope to see you flourring (!) in it  
at Mr. Madison's Ball, where we intend going. I am much obleged (?)  
to Lenney for his letter & tell him his cousin Priskey is well  
& hopes to see him this winter. She sends him a ribon (!) tie  
his hair. Please remember me kindly to Mr. Fleming, & I am my  
Dear Sister your ever affect sister

Annie Christian

P.S.

I write with Priskey on my knee so you must make allowances

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 at Bellmount  
 Jan. 21, 1771  
 Per favor  
 Mr. McCorkle

My Dear Sister,

I recd your very kind letter which afforded me much pleasure, how agreable (!) is it to one at a great distance from all their near & dear Connections to have a familiar correspondence kept up by way of letter, it is more pleasant (!) now then (!) ever it was to me to write, as I have more leisure hours now then (!) when I was at Roan Oak,-----we are all very well & have no alteration among us since you left us----I wrote to you by Harry Dooley, who worked here a while & then went down for his wife & children to come up here to live up at Ingramsplace, We are all peace and plenty, which blessings are very great, much more then (!) We deserve, but we ought to endeavour to be very thankfull (!) for such singular mercys (!)-----your thoughts in your letter to me are surely very pious as well as serious, & I hope my Dear Sister I shall never be as thoughtless as I have been concerning time & eternity, & the Solemn truths of the Gospel-----We have had Simon the Baptist here twice for preaching, for want of a better Minister, He has done much good among the poorer sort of the people, & as I dont (!) doubt but his intention may be good-----as to demestick (!) news I have none worth your Perusal so shall conclude with my best wishes for Mr. Fleming yourself & Leney----

I am Dr Sister  
 Yours ever  
 Annie Christian

little prissey is well rosy goes on extremely well learning, so hope Mama wont be uneasie (!) about her

A.C.

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 at Bellmount  
 Jan. 1771

My Dear Sister,

We are all very well here at present thank the Lord for it, & there is not any news up this way worth acquainting you off, (!) we are all much as you left us, Rosy seems very well contented, & minds her learning very well, tho I hardly think she will agree to stay up here till March, as she talks of wanting to see Mamma already, as to my coming, it depends much on the weather, if it is pleasant the last of Feby. (!) perhaps we may sett (!) off then, I am very seldom favourd (!) with letters from you----tell Leney I hope when he learns to write that he will allways (!) send me letters, Priskey is very well & as noisey (!) as ever----I do asure (!) you that I seemd (!) so lonesome after I came home from Major Inglesses (!), that I was allmost (!) lost, for want of you,-----I am with best wishes to Mr. Fleming & Lenaord (!), Dear Sister your ever affectionate Sister  
 Annie Christian

P.S.

I write in a hurry early in the mourning (!), & it is very Cold, & Priskey is crying &

A.C.

\*friday 13th Sept 1771

My dear Annie

I wrote you a fortnight ago by the favour of Mr. I. Aylott and from Capt. Meridiths a Littel before, and take this opportunity by Mr. Aylott, who is down now, to tell you that we are all well at Present, your Brother Syne has been very ill up here at the Quarter where they live this fall, but has got pretty well again. She and Milley and Salley has been sick but has recovered, it has and is a

very sick time through the country though few people has died. Old Mrs. Byrd is dead and Doctor Jones and Frank Jerdon of Louisa and several young children down the country - George Donald is gone out in his vessel and has left Mrs. Donald tis thought in poor circumstances - he has took little Boh Toy and boarded out of town as his place is for sale and I dont know how she is to live - she goes on in the old way.

Salley Henry and Patsey is here they and your sisters have been to Soap run to hear Mr. Mck Roberts tooday to their great satisfaction. Littel Edward is a fine child. I nursed him while they were gone. Your Brother Billey and Patrick went from here today. I wrote you before that Patrick had bought the north town to live at and that it will not suit your sisters to visit you soon as we have not got a new chair yett nor horses for them. Sally Henry and Patsy and Betty and Sukey joins with me in our kind love and best wishes for our dear Mr. Christian yourself and the dearest Prissie and the girls desire you will kiss Prissie for them. I am my dear Annie yours affectly,

Sarah Henry."

Note: ( This letter was written to Mrs. William Christian by her mother Mrs. John Henry)

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Mahanaim, Nov. 11, 1771

My Dear Sister,

I flattered myself that I should have been down to see you all this Court but in the first place I have no horse & in the next I have the worst Cold ever I had in my life, & for the third the weather has got almost too cold for Prissey & I to venture so far - but here you wont forget your promise towards Christmas of visiting us - I send 1 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  Bushells dryed apples for Mamma & you to devide between you, I am really sorry they are such had ones, but they were dryed in wet weather which made them turn black - I am much obligd for the cheese & hope if I live till next Summer to be able to send you Several - I have no news worth acquainting you with, but hear you have all grown great frolickers your way, pray Dear Sister write me an account of your adventures at the Ball, etc. I write in a hurry, Prissey is pulling at me.

I am Dear Sister Your Ever Affect. Sister,

Annie Christian.

To Anne Fleming.

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April 11, 1772

My Dear Sister,

I have the pleasure of informing you that I was safely delivered of a fine daughter on Friday the 27th of March, thanks be to the Lord, I have been extremely well since, & have had a most mercifull time of it, which God grant I may never forget. We are all well here & my Mamma is pretty well, I have no news hear & longing to hear from you on Roan Oak. My little Daughter takes up chief of my Time nursing her, & now and then Prissey, who I cannot cut off yet, all here say the Young one will be the Beauty, but be that as it will I hope to have the pleasure of presenting you with your new Niece this Summer.

I am Dear Sister with love to Lenny & Molly, Your Ever Affect. Sister,

Annie Christian

To Anne Fleming.



Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 Bellmount  
 Nov. 11, 1771

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Annie Christian

I send Mr. Flemings (!) Shirt

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Annie Fleming  
 at Bellmount  
 Jan. 16, 1772

My Dear Sister

I received yours by Jame & was extreemly (!) glad to hear you & all the family were well, I think it begins to be time to look for you up & the weather is good at present, which I hope will tempt you to sett (!) out on your journey to New River, We are all well here, & have had but a dull Christmas, but a visit from Mr. Fleming & you woud (!) make me rich amends I hope Dear Sister you wont give it out, you will be Surprized (!) to hear how your little Niece Prissey will chatter to you, she sends her cousin Leney a Penknife & hopes he will learn his Book very good as he may be readdy (!) to teach her to read in a few years, she like wise sends her Cousin Molly a pair Buckles & thinks she will learn her letters as soon as her without she is very industrious about it, I want to see the children very much but am afraid you cant (!) bring them, Rosey is very well Contented up here she is at Mr. Triggs & I suppose will write to Mamma & you I am expecting Daddy up to see us every day---I will not be more tedious on I hope to see you soon, my best wishes attend Mr. Fleming, yours&lf & Dear Leney and Molly

I am Dear Sister yours allways (!)  
 Annie Christian

Letter addressed to:  
Mrs. Anne Fleming  
at Bellmount  
March 6, 1772

My Dear Sister,

I have just rec'd yours by Mr. Campbell, & Mr. McCorkle is preparing (!) to go so I have only time to write a few lines to you, to let you know I am well and all the Family, & I am glad to hear you are so at Bellmount, as to my poor Dear Mamma's (!) situation (!) it is really maloncholly, (!) & it gives me a great deal of concern when I reflect on her tryals (!) which seem to be very many at present, but the Lord in his own good time will deliver her from all----I only wish I could be nearer to her for then I woud (!) be often with her, But I flatter myself with her being up here this spring, but beg in the meantime she will take care of her self, & when she comes up here she can make short journeys, & I hope the weather will get good by the first of next month, I hope to hear from you & her again by Tom McElhenny, when I shall see you my Dear Sister God only knows, but it gives me much pleasure to hear from you, I am in haste with best respects to Mr. Fleming, Dearest sister your ever affect

Annie Christian

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Annie Fleming  
 at Bellmount  
 April 11, 1772

My Dear Sister,

**Safely** I have the pleasure of informing you that I was delivered of a fine daughter on friday the 27th of March, thanks to the Lord, I have been extreemly (!) well since, & have had a most mercifull (!) time of it, which God grant I may never forget----we are all well here, & my Mamma is pretty well, we have no news here, & long to hear from you on Roan Oak, my little daughter takes up chief of my time nursing her, & now & then Priskey, who I cannot cast off yet, all here say the young one will be the Beauty, but be that as it will I hope to have the pleasure of presenting you with your new Niece this summer,  
 -- ----I was sorry to hear of Mr. Flemings (!) indisposition but hope he is quite well before this time, please remember me in the kindest manner to him, I am with love to Leney and Molley

Dear Sister your ever affect  
 Annie Christian

The Filson Historical Society

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 at Bellmount  
 June 12 1772

My Dear Sister,

I am extreemly (!) glad to hear by Mr. Fleming that you are got your health pretty well again, & I pray God to continue that blessing to as it is one of the most Valuable ones in this life, We are all pretty well here now, tho' I have been unwell lately, my too (!) little girls are both hearty, & Sally grows very fast I want much to see you & my Dear Mamma, but dont (!) expect to be your way till august (!), this place affords no news worth relating, our new House goes on but slowly The workmen are gone to Mr. Triggs (!) to work, our crops are all very bad up here & people are even replanting now, I shall soon expect to hear from (or see) some of our Hanover friends, & begin to be already a little impatient, I can scaree make out to write a single word as Sally is crying & Prissey is hanging on me to take her, so I must conclude writing to my Dear Sister at present wishing you & the Dear children all manner of happiness believe me to be your ever affect

Sister

A Christian

P.S.

tell my Dear mamma I am often thinking of her & long to see her very much Rosey (?) went over to Mr. Triggs (!) to'ther day suppose she will write to Mamma or you

A.C.

Letter addressed to:  
Mrs. Anne Fleming  
at Bellmount  
July 3, 1772

My Dear Sister,

I have just time to tell you that I am very well & all the Family, I heard from you & Mamma by the girls, who were here but made us a short visit, as Mr. Madison is going shortly to House keeping I want very much to see you all, & shall try to come down as soon as ever the Horses is fit to ride little Sally grows Surprisingly, & is so good a child I think she wont be much trouble traviling (!)----I have no news worth writing you, I send Mr. Fleming some turnip seed & some for mammy

I am My Dear Sister your ever affect  
Annie Christian

The Filson Historical Society

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 At Bellmount  
 July 22, 1773

My Dear Sister,

I rec'd yours by John Douglas, & am extremely sorry to hear of your low state of health, as I thought you lookd better the last time I saw you then (!) you had done a great while before, but I hope in the Lord to have the pleasure of seeing you again, & that you will be enabled to come up & see us, as a visit from you woud give me the utmost satisfaction, my Dear Sister you have had some tryals (!) in life which I have been stranger to, perticularly (!) the loss of your health, which the Lord may have taken from you for very wise & good ends, The knowledge of which is far out of our reach, I heartily comdole with you, & pray that the same almighty gracious God may santify (!) every dispensation of his providence to us for our Eternal salvation & happiness in the world to come---& may He enable you to undergoe (!) all difficulties which he is pleased to put you to the tryal of, & be your God & your guide thro' all the dangerous & enſaring temptations which surround you here on this earth, & may he be your everlasting portion in the world to come, in that where true joys are only to be found, I am in hast Dear Sister your ever Affect. Sister

A. Christian

P.S.

We are all well here ,y love to Mr. Fleming pray write me at first oppty. to let me hear how you are. A.C.

Letter addressed to:  
Mrs. Ann Fleming  
at Bellmount  
April 12, 1774

My Dr Sister

My Brother coming down gives me an~~o~~ oppty of  
telling you we are all well, & I hope to see you next week, with  
your little niece Betty The others I propose leaving with their  
Gandmama (!), these parts affords (!) nothing new to acquaint  
you with and as I hope to see you so soon, Shall only add my  
kindest love to Mr. Fleming Leney & prissey

I am Dr Sister your ever affect  
A Christian

The Filson Historical Society



Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Annie Fleming  
 Botetourt  
 Per favor  
 Mr. McCorkle  
 Oct. 3, 1774

Capt. Merediths

Dear Sister,

I rec'd yours & Dear Roseys (!) letters, & am extremely (!) glad to hear you are all well and in no fear of the Indians, which God grant may continue, We are all well here now but my Self, I have been very unwell lately but am now got a good deal better thank God. the uneasiness I have suffered in the Absence of your Dear Brother has had such an effect on my health that you woud (!) scarce know me, but I trust he will yet be preserved Safe till his return in, & then I hope to be at ease in my mind, I am in great hopes of Seeing him this week, for this day the Assembly meets & the Govenour (!) was to be in my that time. I wrote to you by Roderick, which hope you have got before this---tell Rosey I thank her for her kind Letter, & Mamma & Bettydesires their kind love to you & her---I hope to see you this month, yet---I have no news to write, only what regards to the publick (!), & that is too tedious to mention

I am Dear Sister you ever affect  
 Annie Christian

*Mrs Ann Christian*

From the originals in Fleming Collection, Library of Washington & Lee University.

Oct. 15, 1774 Scots Town

My dear Sister,

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since I came here nor from the Fronteers which makes me very uneasy. My Brother Pat is not returned from Philadelphia yet his wife is extreemly ill, Mamma & Betsy is here with me & we intend down to Capt. Merediths soon, I am very uneasie to hear from the upper parts & hope you will write to me by return of this messenger, I have had two Letters from my Dear Mr. Christian, he wrote from Green Bryer a little time before he was to set off, I hope to be so harpy as to see him next month - My Brother Billy went to Wmsburg with the plotts of Ohio Land all were received but Mr. Flemings, Capt. Merediths, Barnes & Dandridges, I intend to Send Mr. Flemings to Col. Byrd to get altered, as he had not inserted the Service he Served in & then I shall send it to Wmsburg ameadetly in hopes it will do then. I have no news or rather too much to write, so I shall conclude with Duty to my Mamma & love to Rosey & Lenny, I am Dear Sister Your Ever Affect. Sister,

Annie Christian.

TO Anne Fleming

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Dunkard Bottom, Dec. 4, 1770

My Dear Sister,

I wrote you by Tom McElheny - Mr. May came here yesterday & I was very glad to hear you are all well. I send the chints pattern & I hope to see you flaunning in it at Mr. Madisons Ball where wee intend going, I am much obliged to Lenny for his letter & tell him Cousen Prissy is well & hopes to see him this winter, She sends him a ribon to Cue his hair. Please remember me kindly to Mr. Fleming & I am Dear Sister your ever Affectionate Sister,

Annie Christian.

I write with Prissy on my knee so you must make allowances.

To

Anne Fleming, Botetourt.

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 in Botetourt  
 Oct. 15, 1774

Scot Town

My Dear Sister,

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since I came here, nor from the Fronteer, (!) which makes me very uneasie I heard a flying report that there were 4 Families killed on New River but hope it is false, I am a little unwell myself with Fever, The children are all well my Brother Pat is not returnd (!) from Philedelphia (!) yet his Wife is extreemly ill, Mamm & Betty is here with me & we intend down to Capt Merediths (!) soon, I am very uneasie to hear from the upper parts & hope you'l (!) write to me my the return of this mesenger (!). I have had 2 letters from my Dear Mr. Christian he wrote from Green Bryer (!) a little time before he was to set off, I hope to be so happy as to see him next month, if you have had any news from the army hope Dear Sister you wont omit writing it to me----my Brother Billy went to Wmburg with the plotts (!) of Ohio land all were rec'd but Mr. Flemings, Capt Merediths, Barnes's, & Dandridge's, I intend to send Mr. Flemings to Col. Byrd to get altered, as he had not invested (?) the Service he had served in, & then I shall send it to Wmburg ameadately in hopes it will do then I have no news, or rather too much to write, so shall conclude with Duty to my Mamma & love to Rosey & Leney  
 I am Dear Sister

your ever affect sister  
 Annie Christian

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Ann Fleming  
 at Botetourt  
 April 29, 1775

My Dear Sister

I heartily congratulate you on the birth of your Dear little girl & hope it will please God to continue her Life & health, & make her a Blessing to you, & comfort you will then have in her, may in some measure make up for the many hopes you have sustained in that way----I long much to see you, but cant well tell when I shall have that pleasure, as we are about moving much further from you then (!) here, I cant help telling you that the thought of going out to Holston seems a very disagreeable (!) prospect to me, but as we are situated at present I see no help for it, I was flattering myself with the thought of being a Neighbor to you once more, for Mr. Christian has long talked of buying Armstrongs (!) place, but had now dropt (!) it, these parts affords (!) nothing worth relating to you, I left some Turnip seed behind a Glass in your hall, ( if I remember right) which please send at first oppertunity (!), & I must beg some Colewort seed or Cabbage seed from you, as all that Mr. Christian brought me up, seems good for nothing I am with best wishes to all with you Dear Sister your ever affectionate  
 Annie Christian

P.S.

I want a little Cucumber seed too.

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 at Bellmount  
 Per favor  
 Mr. Smith  
 June 30, 1775

My Dear Sister,

I send you about 5 or 6 lb Sugar, as I understood it was so scarce below---Poor Prissey is sick, & Betty cross with he disorder but hope she will get well before long---we are all well here except the children, I wrote to you the other day so have little more to say---please to send me a little Starch by Tom at his return, if you have any to spare----my best wishes attend Mr. Fleming, who I wish a good journey down, if he could make it in his way down, to call on Capt Meredith, they woud (!) be exceeding glad to see him, my Mamma in perticular (!) who has suffered much uneasieness (!) on his account since she heard of his being wounded & woud (!) be overjoyd (!) to see him once more---the children are pulling at me & so cross, I doubt you'l (!) scarce read this far.  
 I am my Dear Sister

Your ever affect  
 Annie Christan

love to Dear Leney

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To

His Excellency Patrick Henry

Williamsburgh

The Filson Historical Society

Ham-Bottom,  
May 22 1797—

My dear Brother

Mr. Christian has (I suppose) informed you of my intended journey down being stop'd which deprives me of the pleasure of seeing you for a while, indeed our Family and cares increase so fast that God knows when I shall be able to take another journey to see my Dear Friends below. indeed Mr. Christian is so much abroad that I am more confin'd on that account. I wish my Dear Brother could by any means be instrumental towards his quitting the publick employments that he is engag'd in, if it were only for while, until he could get his Affairs brought into some better way than at present, cannot you assist in doing me this great favor. I am heartily sorry to trouble you on any domestic business, but I know you will excuse me; some one certainly may be had that would answer as well to act in his place for the future, & at the same time save a whole Family from ruin, as his stay at home might yet do, this is the case, & I am sorry to see that he is entering from one thing to another without considering his private affairs which are

all most desperate, & again I must  
entreat you to have some private  
conversation with him.

I hope you can find a few leisure  
moments to oblige a sister who is  
& ever will be your ever affect.

A. Christian

P. S. I shall I never be so happy as to  
see you up here. I have much to  
say, but would not trouble you  
with a long letter, necessity ~~urges~~  
me to say the above.

A. C.

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Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 Bell-mount  
 Per favor  
 Mr. Haynes  
 Nov. 20, 1781

My Dr. Sister

I was exceeding glad to hear by your Mamma of your being pretty hearty again, & hope you continue well, as we are all here,---I congratulate you on the birth of your little daughter, & hope it may Please God to spare her & make her a blessing to her Parents----I long much to see you all & especially Leney, I wish he woud (!) take a ride up & stay a while with us, I feel a little lonesome without my Prissie & Sally, altho I cant (!) say I'm uneasie as I hear from them very often & they are so exceeding fond of Holston that I shall hardly get them back again to New River I suppose, but Mr. Christian intends out in Dec. & will bring them down with him----I have no news only were at Rhoda Ingles's wedding tuesday last she is married to Byrd Smith, we had a mighty frolick, Mr. Fleming mentioend (!) some things that Mr. Brooks was to have left here for you, but he was gone away with the goods before we came from my sister Campbells, I hear he intends to sett(!) up a School at Capt John Campbells, Major Outlan is begun to make salt at the bigg (!) lick & expects to supply all the back Country, this is all I can think of worth telling you please to give my kind love & compts to Mrs. Wallace & tell her I give her joy of her fine bigg (!) boy, & hope you & her will be so good as to come up & see us in the Spring (if nothing happens) I must not forget tho' to tell you about my great Boy, He is calld (!) a mere Monster for size, He is really the heaviest Child I ever felt of his age, & thank the Lord is very healthy & quiet----- Tell Leney he wont be lonesome here now. Mr. Hanes's goods draws people enough---please give my best love & Compts to Mr. Fleming, may God bless you all my Dr Sister now & allways (!)

I am your ever affect

A. Christian

Nov 20th 1781

P.S.

Your Daddy & Mamma are well he talks of ....illegible....of (!) to Kentucky soon

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 at Bel-Mount  
 Per John  
 July 30, 1782

Mahanaim

My dear Sister

We are all well here and want to hear from you very much, hope to have the pleasure of seeing you here this fall with Sister Wallace, I have been expecting Cousin Leney here some time past, to stay longer with us then (!) before, we have no news here at all, John can tell you all little occurrences (!) of the family. your Mother is as well as comon (!) & your Fathers (!) eyes are very bad yet, I will be very much obleged (!) to you to make John fix up his Salt & Sugar carefully when he leaves your House, we have wrote to Stephen May to come up & get a Dancing School here, as we hear he is began (!) to teach again, my kindest Love & Compliments to Col. Fleming Leney and ~~The~~ little girls I long to see my little namesake the most of any and Prissie the next, pray dear Sister bring up all the Children along with you----

I am my dear Sister you ever affectionate Sister  
 Annie Christian

Note on back of letter:

If any Tobacco, send us a piece

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 Bellmount  
 Favord by  
 Mr. Currin  
 Oct. 7, 1782.

My Dear Sister

We were expecting to have had the pleasure of seeing you here this fall til Mrs Todd came & told us you had given out the thoughts allmost (!), yet I had some hopes of your coming this far with Mr. Fleming, until he came without you---& now I cant (!) have that satisfaction til next spring, your Mother wanted much to see you. She is tolerably well, & is just gone home, her old affliction is continued stil (!), & I think no other person cou'd bear it as she does,----We were all much shockd to hear of poor Mr. Triggs unhappy death, what a loss has his family met with, but it seems as if providence (!) had a controversy with our land, oh how many parts of America has been fields of blood, and how oft of late have the Savages triumphed victors over our Christian armies----when will the happy time of peace arrive when the sound of war shall be no more heard in our land. may the Lord hasten these happy times (if it be his will)

Mr. Fleming left this place sunday (!) morning he was very well, & seemd quite cheerfull, I hope you wont be uneasie (!) about him, as they apprehend no danger on the road at all, & by the time the Commissioners gets out the country will be quite strong with numbers that are flocking out. I wish you & Sister Wallace coud come & see us yet this fall I want to see Leney very much, & hope He will be here before long, my love to my dear little cousins & to Molly & I am my dear Sister your ever

Affectionate  
 A. Christian

( To Mrs. Annie Christian)

Richmond Nov. 13th 1782.

" I have just time to drop a line to you my dear sister. I am in the room with your good man & lodge with him. I hear no news from our kindred hereabouts in particular, they being generally well. I left my family well 10 days ago. I wrote you I think I had a son born in August. It is the 4th child of my dear Dolly. We are often talking of a visit to you; but indeed I am so much and so long in the lower parts of the assembly, that I can find but little time to stay at home? Pray don't go to Kentucky to live. You and I are already too far off, and in case of Death no person to trust our children with. This often hangs heavy on my mind. I always hoped that you were not too far to give my Family help in case of Deather and you and your Husband and the only Friend in reach, you see therefore it is interest which makes me as (?) yr (?) going. But I assure you interest is not the only thing.

The Colo. grows impatient to be home already as I do. Annie is now at Leslie Woods and has been since spring. Pray send your girls to see us soon as possible. My wife wants to come downwards next Spring.

Farewell my dear Sister,  
P. Henry."

To

Mrs. Anne Christian

Ingham's Bottom

The Filson Historical Society

Richmond Nov<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1782

I have just time to drop a line to you my dear sister. I am in the room with your Goodman & lodge with him. I hear no news from our Kinred hereabouts in particular, they being generally well. I left my family well ten days ago. I wrote you I think I had a son born in August. He is the 4<sup>th</sup> child of my dear Polly. We are often talking of a visit to you, but indeed I am so much & so long in the lower parts on the Assembly, that I can find but little time to stay at Home.

Pray dont go to Kentuckie to live. You and I are already too far off, and in case of Death no person to trust our children with. This often hangs heavy on my mind. I always hoped that you were not too far to give my Family help in case of Death & you & yr Husband are the only Friends in reach. You see therefore it is interest which makes me a g<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> going. But I assure you Interest is not the only thing.

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Nov 13, 1882

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come downwinds next spring.

Have well my dear

Sister

P. Henry

The Filson Historical Society

( To Mrs. Annie Christian - at Dunkirk's Bottom- pr.  
favor of C.W.Thompson)

" 14 March 1783.

My very dear Annie

I wrote you the beginning of this month to be left at Mr. Madisons the Eldest which I hope you have rec'd, also a letter for Collo. Russell. This by Mr. Thompson going to Kentucky - as he is waiting I have not time only to tell you that we are all well - I thank the Lord - and yr friends and Relations I hope are well - Col. Meridith and yr sisters join me in best wishes for Col. Christian yr self and all the dear children, and we hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in this spring or summer - May every Blessing attend you all is the ardent wish and prayer of my dear Children's affectionate Mother

Sarah Henry."

The Filson Historical Society



Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 Bellmount  
 Aug. 5, 1783.

Dear Sister

I rec'd yours by Mr. Smith, & am very glad to hear you are all well, & my dear girls so happy with you, I am so well pleased at their being with their Aunts (!), & so sensible (!) of their being in a way of improving where they are, that I will let them stay as long as I possibly can do without them; but I expect to be so lonesome, that perhaps I may write them to come home sooner than at first I intended to do. I hope you will let dear little Bettsey accompany them home to go to school here, as we expect to get Mr. Gallon here to teach our children, & we shall often let you hear from her. Our Family seems very small at present, but have hopes of Doctor Smiths (!) returning from Court, or from Holston. I have hopes also of Cousin Molly Bowyers (?this last word would appear in the letter to be as I have copied it, but the page is torn in the crease and only the last five letters of the word are to be made out.) coming up with the children I want much to see her, we heard of Cousin Prissies (!) marriage I want much to see you & therest of my friends below us, & sometimes think of taking a trip to see you all this fall, but so many obsticles (!) present themselves, that I cant (!) surmount them all I fear but shall see more about it when I get my girls up My love to your dear children & am Dr Sister your ever affect  
 A. Christian

I wrote Mr. Fleming & since have got a bit of paper to write you, we are quite out, my Duty to your dear Mamma, if with you.

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs Anne Fleming  
 Botetourt  
 Sept. 9, 1783

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My Dear Sister

We are all well here thank the Lord & your dear little Bettsey going to school with her Cousins very happy. We were surpriz'd last Thursday to see Mr. Christian return home so soon from Kentucky, & was much schockd (!) when I saw Tom Body come riding up foremost & alone with his Masters pistols I immediately concluded that the Indians had killd (!) some & chased the rest home, but as soon as Tom spoke smilingly I knew all was well your brother seems to think Kentucky a rich body of Land, & one acre of corn there is worth two here & everything else grows in Proportion, that water is exceeding Scarce but he thinks it is a good country to digg (!) wells in-----but he reckons the part where your land lies is better of (!) for water but he does not talk of moving there, your Sister Trigg was to be married the day after Mr. Christian left her House to Bob Daniel, your brother tried every way in his power to break off the match but to no purpose, he drove the chap of (!) entirely as he thought. but your Sister found means of corresponding with him & made up matters again, I must say I was even schockd (!) to hear of her marrying that fellow, he & his brother were here as they went out & stayd (!) a day or two, & I could (!) not have thought your Sister capable of being imposed upon by any person whatever-----as for Beauty, Icence (!), Fortune, Family or Education, he is possessd (!) of niether (!), as to his temper I cant (!) say anything at all-----

I expect the pleasure of seeing Mr. Fleming & Leney here next month Mr. Gillon is a very discreet sencible (!) man, I think ourselves happy to have such a tutor to our children, & hope before long your Bettsey will be able to write you a letter, my dear girls have told me so much of their good Uncles (!) & your kindness to them, & in particular (!) to poor Sally in her sickness that I think myself under the greatest obligations to both for the tender care you shewd (!) to my poor sick child, may God help you & yours & believe me to be Dr Sister ever affect

Annie Christian

P.S.

I take your last letter my dear Sister exceeding kind & wish your Conjectures may be right, but I fear you judge quite too favourably Prissies conduct, I thank Mr. Fleming for his kind letter, I have not heard from the child since

A.C.

Letter addressed to:

(No name, but the salutation would indicate that it is to Mrs. Anne Fleming.)

April 29, 1784

My Dear Sister,

We are all well here thank the Lord your little Bettsey is quite hearty & well contented, & there is nothing new among us but Cousin Molly has got affronted with us (or at least with her Uncle) & thinks herself ill treated. I shall tel (!) you in as short a manner as I can how it hapned (!). Your brother has mentiond (!) to me sever- al times, that now she ought to make her home at her Grand Daddys (!) chiefly for the rest of her time up here for several reasons, That it was probable it was the last time she would ever see her Grandmamma, & whilst she was company to her, she might be learning to spin, milk, iron, &c. that if she never shoud (!) have occasion for doing those things, there was no harm done in learning all kinds of housewifery & at times Polly might be sewing for your Mamma, so that he thought by her being there awhile & being oblegeing (!) & humouring her Grand Daddy, she might make her Fortune, as your Father has mentiond (!) making her a present of some of his Kentucky Lands, & is very fond of her. Your brother talkd (!) often of this being the best thing Polly coud (!) do in her situation, ( she has learnt to read write & cypher very well with Mr. Gillen) & at times she might continue to learn on, as it suited. Last week after Phebe had finishd (!) washing & ironing all the things, your Brother told her that as Polly was going to live mostly at her Grand Daddys she might look out her things & carry them down with her, Polly & Sally had gone there being froday (!) evening & I did not look for them back until monday (!) morning, I expected Polly up to make her white gown, but she woud (!) not return with Sally, & thinks herself exceedingly ill used; You may be sure I am very uneasie (!) that after her being so long here & treated just as one of the children that she shoud (!) now make herself strange, & construe things so dif- ferently from what was intended, Sorry am I that she shoud (!) harbour one thought of my treating her otherwise than I woud (!) an own child, her being motherless woud (!) prevent me from treating her with the least unkindness, much more her being so nearly related. But if she woud (!) reflect a moment she must confess her Uncle was sufficiently capable of giving her good advice, & has her interest much at heart.

She has wrote Mr. Tom Bowyer to come up for her soon, & as she had before intended staying this summer, I thought proper to let you know her reasons for altering her mand & leaving New River so soon, as I cant have the pleasure of seeing you very shortly to tel (!) you that after my learning her what little peices (!) of work I was capable of, besides the benifit (!) she has receivd (!) from our worthy tutor, she shoud (!) regret coming here now---- but a few years, & a better acquaintance with the World will make her view things in a true light, & let her see that her Uncle was right, for I never found him wrong. I hope Dear Sister to hear soon of your being blest (!) with another son or daughter, if it is a son I think it will be called Wil- liam---pray let me hear from you soon--My best love & affection to my Good Brother Fleming & the dead little girls, & am Dear Sister your ever affectionate

A. Christian

P.S.

My kind love to Lenny if he's at home, we have almost given out looking for him here, but wish he would come up with Sister Wallace

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 Bellmount  
 Favord by  
 Mr. Madison

My Dr. Sister

I rec'd yours by Mr. Smith & am glad to hear you are all tolerably well at Bellmount... Thank God my Children are all geting (!) better, your Mamma is as usual as to her health, but seems dejected in her Spirits, & really laments your Fathers (!) death. what a striking instance to shew us, there is no such thing as Contentment in this life---your Brother went to Court Monday & returnd (!) wednesday night with a great pain in his Leg & thigh, it continued exceeding bad thursday, we got old Adam Waggoner here with his Cuping(?) Instruments, & after applying them for Several hours, he found a little ease, but is yet very bad, the pain all Seems to proceed from the place that the Dog bit,----I hope Cousin Leney will come up here soon your Bettsey is well & contented & thanks you for the pretty presents, Annie & Johnnie says they hope to have some nice things to send thier (!) dear little Cousins, when Mr. McCorkles Store comes up, your poor dear Brother is not able now to write Mr. ....page torn in fold here, but word seems to be Fleming .....but will not omit it when he gets well----I am glad to hear Mr. Wallace & Sister are well pleased, as for Mrs. Daniel, perhaps she thinks it might reflect upon her husbands (!) honor, to be intimate with Sisters who disaprovd (!) her choice, my love to the dear Children & am my dear Sister Sincerely your affect Sister  
 A. Christian

Saturday mornng

Letter addressed to:  
Mrs. Anne Fleming  
Bell-mount  
Jan 17, 1785.

My Dear Sister

We are all well here at this time, & your Mother talks of coming down to see you the first of Feby. if the weather is good. Mr. Gillon broke up school here in order for our children to prepare for their journey to Kentucky, as we propose to go out there in April, it is but a late determination that of carrying the Family so shortly---Mr. Christian had a short letter from Mr. Fleming lately, he was well & intended in the first or middle of Feby. not having his business done

I am Dr Sister your ever Affectionate  
A. Christian

Your Bettsy is quite hearty excuse haste

The Filson Historical Society

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 Bellmount  
 Feb. 15, 1785

My dear Sister

I was very glad to see Cousin Leney & to hear you were all well at Bellmount. I rec'd yours by Jamey Meredith & at length it is determined that I am not to go out to Kentucky this Spring, & if all goes well I expect to move out in the Fall or Spring but your brother seems to wish to see more of that country before he carries (!) out his family to live there, your little Betsy goes home well with her grandmamma, I hope that they will get down safe-----we have heard from Mr. Fleming, this month he will stay til (!) March Court. I am writing with Dorothea in my arms which makes me obliged to conclude with kindest love to your dear little girls

I am Dr Sister your ever affect  
 A. Christian

Note on back of letter:  
 pray dear sister send me some Alloes, a little hyrepychre (?) & some Rhubarb

Letter addressed to:

Mrs. Anne Fleming

At Bellmount

Mr. Meredith Junr. (!)

March 15, 1785

Mahanaim

My dear Sister

Sam Erwin came here Sunday night with one Capt. Millar from Kentucky, he saw Col. Fleming at Capt. Edwards (!) well & brought letters which I send you---- The news Ewin (? at one place the name appears this way, and at the first mention it appears as Erwin) brings seems discouraging (!), as Logan writes that no guard can be expected from that Country at that bussie (!) season of the year, & no answer from Shelby at all, Knox sent word that he would (!) meet us with some men, but we think he might have wrote (!) if he had been sincere---- So God only knows what we are to do for the best, no body will take it upon them to advise us which road to go, & Ewin himself says he cant (!) pretend to say which is best now but before he went out he was full of the wilderness road, but having no incouragement of company we are distressed (!) to know what to do, the Pittsburg road is safe, but going down the Ohio they say proves Sickly to numbers who have tried it Ewin has no news from Kentucky but what I imagine you have in your letters, only that we are amazeingly (!) in debt at the Salt works----which seems to be a bad prospect before us, as we were in hopes by selling here to get clear of debt, & be on a good footing when we got to Kentucky. Daniel is gone to Beargrass to live & has rented out the whole works to the neighbors, & gives one Mr. Kinch the use of a furnes (!), & 1 bushell (!) Salt per day just to receive the rents paid in weekly from the people, Kinches (!) wages they say is at least worth 100 a year, So upon the whole we must go there or be ruind (!) since we have sold here....And I trust the Lord will guide & direct us to do that which is best & right, I cant (!) hear whether Mr. Fleming intends out to that country or not to live, Ewin did not hear him meantion the matter....but I hope you may be Neighbours to us yet, I shall write you soon again, & hope your dear Mother is well & all with you, we are all well here thank the Lord, but Tom who is ailing sometime past with a pain in his breast, & we had like to have lost Dinah when she lay in, but she is getting about a little now, the dance begun yesterday at Cecils (!) & they say will hold 8 or 10 days....I hope if we go this road you can come up & see us before we sett (!) off, My sister Madison has promised to come up in this month sometime, we expect Cousin Leney will go out with us....

My duty to your dear Mother & love to all the Family & am Dr. Sister your ever Affect.

A Christian

P.S.

I wrote your sister Daniel by Ewin but had no answer or word by him.

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Fleming  
 Botetourt  
 May 18, 1785

Sulevan County

My Dear Sister,

We are now got down below the great Island a few miles to a place of Col. Bledsoes (!), & thank the Lord we are all pretty well, your Mother held out traveling (!) as well as could (!) be expected, only a day or two past she complaind (!) at times, but now seems better, She bids me tell you that is she dont (!) find herself hearty at the time of our setting off on our journey she will go back again to Botetourt. We are in a safe place I hope & have plenty of provisions, fish are here in great abundance we live about 20 steps from the North Fork of Holston in Sight of Rhodes Iron works & also in Sight of an ordinary access the River, Sam Ewin will go across with the Negroes with the first company passing out, but I expect we shall stay here this summer in hopes of large numbers coming along in the fall, I hope you will write me dear Sister by all opportunitys (!) & direct your letters to be left at Washington Court House, John Smith & Mr. Gillon goes on with Sam Ewing as soon as convenient, my kindest love & best wishes attend Col. Fleming & all your dear Children I hope to see Leney this summer Remember me to Dr. Smith if with you,

I am Dear Sister wishing you all health & happiness  
 Your ever affectionate  
 A. Christian

P.S. Mr. Smith delivered us your letters. my dear little Dolly is got better I hope your dear Children will recover of the hooping (!) cough



Madam,

1786

Louisville Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 86

Having promised you my Waggon & Teams to move you up, I have been at very great pains to complete them for that purpose, & from the time of their starting conceived them to be in your Service till they had effected your Business. If they return home immediately I shall not be able to keep more than one Team here, & shall be reduced to the same difficulty as at first to render the others fit to serve you, <sup>when you want them,</sup> as I have no way of keeping my Horses but in the Woods, from whence it is tedious & hazardous again to collect them; or in the adjacent Island, from whence it is extremely difficult to bring them over when once there - I sincerely regret the indisposition of Mr.

Bullett. - I have every wish to serve you that is consistent with the engagements I am under to Mr. Prothead, & as there is a Quantity of Salt ready for me at Bullets-lick (which Cap. Edwards informs me of,) the Teams might each bring home a load from thence, against which time, if there is a certainty of your being ready to send up to Lincoln, I conceive no material disadvantage can accrue to Mr. Prothead provided they then proceed on your Business.

I have told Cap. Edwards, & I believe Mr. Bullett, that having every desire to accommodate the Payment to you

to you, I would take what Salt is in M. Easton's hands here at 15¢ per Bushel - some dried Beef he shewed me yesterday at 5¢ per lb. - Corn if to be spared at the present Cash price, or in any other manner I could possibly & consistently do without demanding <sup>immediate</sup> Cash. As these <sup>Waggoners</sup> are to be entirely subject to your directions, to move or stay at your pleasure, 'tis expected they will be paid by the day while in your service, making the usual allowance for the men & horses being found in Provisions & forage. If they would not be too long for your Business in going to the Works & returning, which I suppose will take them three or four days before they could be again with you, I think they had better employ that Time in that manner, else remain a little longer with you till you are fully ready; but of this I cannot judge so well as you can. If the latter should be adopted, I beg that Cap<sup>t</sup> Edwards may keep the Waggoners employed in putting their Waggon in the best Order, or in something that will prevent them from idling and Jaunting thro' the Country. one of them on a very frivolous pretence having just now come back - In the former Case, if it should be deemed more eligible that the Waggoners should bring me cash ahead of Salt from the Works, I wish to take that <sup>with</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Edwards recom-

=mended

commended to me in Barrels. He says they contain five Bushels each, but if they lack a peck each I shall be satisfied to take them at five Bushels, & will pay for the Casks at the rate he proposed (that is four Shillings each) else return them in as good order to the Works as when received. He has left this optional with me.

I beg Cap. Edwards' attention to these matters, & that should they <sup>waggon</sup> go to Saltsburgh, he will give them the necessary forage & Provisions for the Trip, for which I will make the most ample allowance.

'Tis in compliance with your Note by the boy that I am so particular. Permit me to entreat your forgiveness for intruding thus much on your time & more sacred attentions. I most devoutly wish you an alleviation of every species of distress, & shall always be happy to convince you how much I prize the honor of subscribing myself — Madam

Your real well-wisher  
& most Obed. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
C. Donné.

Mr. Christian.

Doon's letter  
to Mr. Christian

Mr. Christian

The Filson Historical Society



Madam, <sup>18</sup> Louisville May 10<sup>th</sup> 1780.

With respect to taking Salt in part  
of your Store Acc<sup>ts</sup>. I cannot now finally deter-  
mine until Mr. Prothead comes home, as the Quantity  
of that Article we are to receive in discharge of the  
Salt Acc<sup>ts</sup> will for the present rather overstock us  
than otherwise. I have agreed with Cap<sup>t</sup>. Edwards to  
take the Salt in Mr. Eastin's hands at 15<sup>¢</sup> per Bu<sup>sh</sup>:  
in part of Carriages to Lincola. I have already  
received at the Works Eighteen Barrels of Salt, w<sup>ch</sup>.  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Edwards has engaged to make equal to  
five Bushels Cash, in part of Salt Acc<sup>ts</sup>. &  
have given directions to the waggons to re-  
ceive as much more on their return from Lin-  
coln. - Whatever it over-runs the Salt Acc<sup>ts</sup>. I  
am willing to apply to the Credit of the Carriage  
Acc<sup>ts</sup>. at 12<sup>¢</sup> per Bu<sup>sh</sup>: at the Works. - As I have  
repeatedly assured you of my disposition to be  
accommodating, I have also taken 50<sup>¢</sup> per Bu<sup>sh</sup>:  
in part of Carriages at 5<sup>¢</sup> per Bu<sup>sh</sup>: & shall on e-  
very other occasion be happy to convince you  
of that disposition so far as I can consist-  
ently render it useful to you. The boy  
will deliver you the Gloves & 2 yd black  
Gauze.

Gauze agreeable to your note. We have  
not a black gauze handkerchief left.

I am

Madam

respectfully

Yr. most obed<sup>t</sup>.

E. Payne.

for  
David Postheadji

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Mrs Annie Christian

Mrs Annie Christian

Madam,

1786  
June 12

Louisville June 11<sup>th</sup> 1780.

Mr. Woolfolk has applied to me for a General Statement of your Accounts with Mr. Prothead, which I have furnished him with, so far as have come within my knowledge; but as it may be necessary to make some remarks to elucidate the charges, I shall endeavour to do it.

The Acc<sup>t</sup>. Current, which I furnished Col. Christian with to the 16<sup>th</sup> March, has C<sup>t</sup>. for 9½ Bush. Salt - Eight Bushels of that Salt by agreement with him I was to take in lieu of Eight days of a Team, he finding them: The remaining Bushel & half, I place now to C<sup>t</sup>. of your Salt acc<sup>t</sup>. back charging you in ½ C<sup>t</sup>. for extra-credit formerly given for that Quantity.

In the Acc<sup>t</sup>. Current rendered as above mentioned, there appeared on the first rendering the ½ to be 3/- overcharged on Marseilles Quitting, ~~for~~ which appears now to be rather 7/- (i.e. in the whole 10/-) short charged - reference to the ½ formerly rendered, as well as that rendered to this date will more clearly demonstrate this matter. I have therefore now charged the omission.

I observe 10½ Bushels Corn charged me (I suppose for use of the Horses when they went to Saltsburgh from your house) - The Waggoners declare solemnly they received but 9. - I have nevertheless given you Credit for the whole, expecting after enquiry you will make the necessary abatement. The Beef & the 20 Barrels I have also given the necessary Credits for, as may be seen by the ½ of Charges.

Next to be mentioned is the 20 Barrels of Salt. I wrote you fully before I received one of them, & when I directed the Waggoners to

Waggons to receive that in Barrels It was only on Condition that they sh<sup>d</sup>.  
be made good to me  $4\frac{3}{4}$  Bushels each, in which case I was to receive  
them as 5 Bushels - Now I had Capt. Edwards' word for it, & if any ob-  
-jection had been made, it ought to have been before the Waggons were  
sent off at all: I have therefore made the deduction for the Larkage,  
which Larkage I had certified by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jones & Belli who saw  
the Salt measured, & which certificate I delivered to Captain Ed-  
-wards. -

I presume no Objection can be made to the Charge of 15 days  
at the two Waggons at 20<sup>s</sup>.  $\frac{1}{2}$  day - That time and one day longer they  
were absent on your Business reckoning only the very time they were  
so, that is from the Saturday Morning they started to Lincoln. - 20<sup>s</sup>.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  day & found has been always the Customary price with us ~~at~~ <sup>for</sup>  
when we find our Teams at home. I have not charged for one hour  
the Waggons were detained before they started on that Business, al-  
-though that engagement prevented me from doing other Business  
with my Teams.

These observations I do not make with an expectation  
that you will give yourself the trouble of investigating  
their propriety: tis rather that they should be useful to  
the Gentleman to whom you have submitted the Charge of  
settling your Business, who I believe is not only capable  
but faithful to the trust reposed in him, for which he  
merits Commendation.

Permit me to express my sincere wishes for your  
health, and a return of that tranquillity of mind which the  
loss of your late worthy Spouse had so unhappily disturbed.

I am Madam, most respectfully  
Your most Obedt. Servant.

J. Downe, for  
L. B. B. B. B.

M<sup>rs</sup> Annie Christian. }



( To Mrs. William Christian)

" Richmond May 15th 1786

I am at a loss how to address you my dearest sister: Would to God I could say something to give relief to the dearest of women and sisters. My heart has felt in a manner new and strange to me: in so much that while I am endeavouring to comfort you, I want a comforter myself. I forbear to tell you how great was my love for my friend and Brother - I turn my eyes to Heaven where he is gone I trust, and adore with Humility the unsearchable ways of that Providence which calls off this stage of action, at such time and in such manner as its Wisdom and Goodness directs - We cannot see the reason of these dispensations now; but we may be assured they are directed by Wisdom and Mercy. This is one of the occasions that calls your and my attention back to the many precious lessons of piety given us by our honor'd parents, whose lives were indeed a constant lesson and worthy of Imitation - This is one of the trying scenes, in which the Christian is eminently superior to all others and finds a refuge that no misfortunes can take away. To this refuge let my dearest sister fly, with humble Resignation - I think I can see some traces of a kind Providence to you and the children in giving you a good son-in-law so necessary at this time to take charge of your affairs. It gives me comfort to reflect on this. Pray tell Mr. Bullitt I wish to hear from him and to cultivate an

intimacy with him and that he may command any services from me - I could wish any thing remained in my power to do for you or yours & and if at any time you think there is, pray let me know it and depend on me to do it to the utmost. I need not tell you how much I shall value your letters particularly now; for I am anxious to hear from you and how every thing goes on in your affairs. As so few of the family are left, I hope we shall not fail to correspond frequently. It is natural to me to increase in affection to the survivors as the number decreases. I am pained on reflecting that my letters always are penned as dictated by the strongest love and affection to you; but that my actions have not kept pace, Opportunities being wanting must be the excuse. For indeed my dearest sister you never knew how I loved you and your husband - My heart is full - perhaps I may never see you in this world - Oh, may we meet in that Heaven to which the merits of Jesus will carry those who love and serve him - Heaven will I trust give you its choicest comforts and preserve your family - Such is the prayer of him who thinks it his Honour and pride to be

Yr afft. Brother

P. Henry"

Letter addressed to:  
Mrs. Anne Fleming  
(no date, or address)

My Dear Sister

Oh what troubles (!) has the death of that ever dear & beloved husband of mine brought on my poor helpless Family, I must enjoin Secrecy from you on this distressing subject, the Man whose connections might have promised protection to my Family, has turned our Enemy & God of heaven only knows for what, only because he found me & my poor children deprived of our Protector & Friend & saw us left destitute & helpless. At the dreadful time of my affliction there was two merchants at Louisville had debts due them, & were very pressing, however they were put off a while, & last June old Mr Hair came up to Viney Grove & brought me a letter from Mr B--- (this name appears only as an initial with a dash) he wrote me that he had offered hair (!) a bond of Flournoys (!), & desired me to deliver it to him, in payment for his debt which was near 150 pounds. I was very well satisfied as I knew if it pleased God to prosper our affairs we cou'd pay up that bond to your dear Mother before long, Since that I hear he has thrown great blame upon me for paying away bonds to which I had no right, Oh may the Lord of Heaven give me strength & grace to bear all my trials, what I beg of you is to tell your dear Mother about the bond & write me if she is satisfied with it, I hope to raise a great deal of money this winter from Salt, & will send it to her as I can get it, Flournoys other bonds I have Safe, & wish Capt McCorkle was here, he I know is a Sincere friend I cou'd confide in, Mr. Brown wont qualify as Executor so Mr B. has all in his own power, Your poor dear Brothers (!) death has made a dismal change in the face of our Affairs, but may the Lord give me grace to put my whole strength & Confidence in him, & may I rely in his goodness & mercy through Christ, may I see the vanity of earthly comforts, & may the Lord santify (!) this great affliction to me for the good of my Immortal soul.

Pray my dear Sister write me, & believe me to be your  
ever Affectionate Sister

[A. Christian]

Letter addressed to:  
 Elizabeth Christian  
 Botetourt  
 July 30, 1886 (?) (date not clear)

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Dear Madam,

We had the pleasure of your message handed to us by Sally Thompson fast friday (!) and am truly happy to hear you enjoy so much health after your almost insurmountable loss:---the untimely fall of your only son.

But Madam, insuperable as the misfortune may have been to you; still the Lord in mercy, hath left you blessed with most affectionate children:---suited to produce happiness to your declining state of life:---a blessing that must forever claim your constant return of acknowledgement to your Heavenly benefactor:---and through the comforts in your surviving children should keep you at all times resigned to the will of your merciful preserver.---Your friends & those to whom the remembrance of your deceased son will be ever dear; condole with you on the sorrowful occasion.---The voice of nature is a genuine eccho (!) & repetition of the voice of God; who having created a tenderness of sympathy for one another, doth expressly signify his desire to mutually succour & relieve each other.--- Thus actuated I am prone to hope some rays of comfort have, by this time reached your troubled feelings, sufficient to mitigate (!) your sorrow. Remember, madam, your once most precious son, now calculates upon the large & glorious scale eternity much more precious than the empty things of time:--- and happy for all, who, extend improvements here to that production.

The Lord permitted us, by letters, to comfort your mourning daughter Mrs. Christian:--- She wrote us they proved cordial to her aching heart.---I pray the same effect may operate on you. I intend to see your daughter and children some time this fall; and may be a safe conveyance for you to write.

Mrs. Russell joins me in kindest wishes for your happiness, & please tender the same to Colonel Fleming & his lady. With due respect, I am, dear madam, your ever obedt.

.....Russell

(Page torn off here, and all the name is missing except the last.)

" ( To His Excellency Patrick Henry,  
Richmond

Favor'd by  
Capt. Terrell )

" Cave Spring Mercer Co. Sep. 1786

My ever Dear Brother

Yours of May I received, and thank my dear Brother for the kind consolation it contained. The imagination must be strong indeed to paint the distress and affliction it has pleased the God of Heaven to lay upon me, at a time and in a place where no human aid or assistance was offered me, no alleviation of my sorrows (which seemed rolling over my head) by a kind sympathizing friend or relation. No! I had no friend then left. When unrelenting death had deprived me of my ever dear and unequalled friend, and husband, my poor children and me, had no protector, no refuge to fly to in this world, the connection we had formed in this country alas! - has not answered our expectation, My hopes from that support are all blasted and vanished. You may guess my troubles were increased when I found this to be the case, but I thank God Almighty for his great goodness to me, in supporting me in all the trials his wisdom has seen fit to lay upon me, blessed be the Lord for all his goodness to me, in the midst of all my affliction and trouble he has never given me up entirely to grief nor forsaken me, nor left me without hope. When

I seemed almost sinking under my great load of grief and no help seemed near, nor friend to turn my weeping eyes to, then the Lord raised me up, and afforded me strength sufficient to bear all that he had thought fit to try me with - his great mercies let me never forget, nor my children after me. We are enjoying blessings of peace here and a great plenty of every necessary and I hope I shall always be independent, as my dear deceased friend has left us all possessed of an ample support, and I hope the Lord will direct and guide me through life, so that I may devote my whole time to his service and the good and welfare of my dear children, and as my thoughts are much employed about my children and them nor I have no friend or relation in Kentucky to trust to, if it should please God to call me off, I am anxious to get Col. Meredith and yourself to take my children between you and as there might be some difficult arise as to the childrens fortunes laying in this country which might render the maintainance of them, inconvenient, I propose to obviate that objection by leaving all my negroes for the support of them, to be moved into the settlement and my land at Fort William (formerly Sturgus's Station) to be sold and the money applied to the education of my children - By that means their fortunes might all be increasing in this country, the salt works continue to be rented out and their negroes hired, my stocks and furniture immediately sold after my death for ready money to move my children and negroes in. Yet I hope it may please God to continue my life to see the poor dear orphans grown up. Ah, may his goodness never forsake the Widow and Fatherless, but may they always find a present help in time of trouble by flying to that Gracious and Merciful God through the merits of Jesus - - - - - I think my ever dear deceased friend had frequent thoughts last winter of his time here being but short - The dear man was very grave and thoughtful and seemed extremely anxious to get his affairs put in order, it seems to me as if there was an unavoidable fatality somewhere were some indeed several circumstances looked as if my dear Mr. Christian's race was run and he must hasten to meet his end - but I hope the good man is made a happy archangel - he lived a well spent life, and is now I hope reaping the blessed fruits, he is taken out of a world of sin and sorrow, trouble and vanity - When the fatal wound was given him he behaved with the greatest fortitude, he never murmured or complained the least, but said, "My wound is mortal tho' I hope to get home to my family before I die", and when the men who carryd him had travelled till late in the night, he then made them stop and get off the litter and rode on horse back two miles but by the great loss of blood was unable to proceed,



he desired them to stop for him to rest awhile, he told a friend, (he was not at all afraid to meet death and died resigned to the will of God, that it would be very melancholy news for his family to hear), and then expired without a groan - They brought the dear remains home on the very day he told me at parting, he expected to return, and OH, what a good, what a valuable, what a dear friend and protector have I lost, but when I think and hope he is in a land of bliss and glory, unspeakably happy, joining the sons and hallelujahs of surrounding angels, singing the praises of redeeming love, I then am silenced and beg the Lord to reconcile me to my fate and his blessed will. Pray my dear Brother forgive my long tedious letter - May God bless my dear sister, yourself and dear children. May heaven prepare us for a meeting in that happy place-  
Annie Christian.

I must not forget to recommend Capt. Terrell to your favour. He has been extremely kind and obliging to me since my misfortunes. I inclose you a copy of my dear husbands will. Pray my dear Brother don't neglect to comply with my request in my former letter regarding the tombstone, &c.

A.C. "

Ms. Amie Christian

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Dear Madam

just the same, and another to which I can now  
make no return but by a grateful remembrance  
of the Friendship <sup>with</sup> which I was always honored  
by the writer, and this Letter gave me the most  
affectionate Appearances of. Your Situation is indeed  
painful; the Greatness of the Loss cannot be compre-  
hended by those who have not been tried by the  
same Affliction; yet my Dear Cousin, you must  
not lose Courage; the Care of an amiable Family  
is now devolved solely on you; and your greatest  
Consolation will be derived from the Performance  
of these Attention, on which the Prospects of your  
Children depend; the Task is indeed <sup>difficult</sup> ~~great~~, but I  
am sure your Strength of Mind, & Prudence will  
enable you to go through it; and they are to be felic-  
itated on having a Parent so able to conduct them  
with Probriety into the World.

Some of your Friends here with whom  
I have spoken on the Subject have thought you would

be included in the Country. I am  
sure your Return would be welcome, and might  
be easily brought about. If it is your Pleasure, a suf-  
ficient Number of Slaves for the Support of the Family  
could be removed; by the sale of a few, good Land could  
be purchased. Indeed we know not ~~but~~ it might  
conduce to your Interest to bring away from a Place  
to increase, the whole moveable Estate.

I have the Satisfaction of often seeing  
my Cousin Merideth. They are well with her but she has  
for some Time suffered great Anxiety on the irregular Con-  
duct of one of her Family, whom till within a few Days, they  
have not seen since December. <sup>This is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~her~~ <sup>Henry's</sup> ~~Henry's~~ <sup>Daughter</sup>  
is to be shortly married, <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>Mr</sup> ~~Mr~~ <sup>Content</sup>, as I hear.  
He is now to going back to Leatherwood & looking  
out for a Purchase here.

The Money due from Doct<sup>r</sup> Gilbert, I tho't  
belonged to Mr<sup>r</sup> Christian, and I have several Months  
ago paid ~~for~~ of it, to Lockhart & Hancock with the

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Gilbert an Execution is levied for, & will be  
collected this Fall. A very considerable sum  
which was due from him I have been  
obliged to sue for & he will not pay till com-  
pelled. Be pleased to remember me to your  
Children. Love Dear Madam

September 9th 1786. your affectionate  
& servant  
Edmund

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The Filson Historical Society



To

His Excellency Patrick Henry

Richmond

A. M. H. L.

The Filson Historical Society

I wish you to have my dear Friends  
death & Character put in the  
Virginia Gazette, & 3 more mourning  
rings for my three Daughters, to fit  
Mr Henrys 3 finger will do I think  
excuse this trouble my dear  
only Brother & Friend.

" Richmond, Oct. 20th 1786

My dearest Sister:

Upon the receipt of yr. letter I apply'd to have the rings made as you desired. I wear one as you desired of me and herewith I send you four as near the size as we could guess. Mr. Walton the Bearer is recommended to me as a man I may trust with them. He promised to deliver them safely, and I embrace the opportunity rather than wait longer. I have been inquiring about getting the Tombstone, since Col. McDoual went away, and find it next to impossible to get a good one transported so far back without too much hazard. I repeat therefore my opinion for having it done on the spot, as I mentioned before. I hope soon to have a letter from you by the delegate coming in to the assembly. Pray write me as to all your affairs particularly as to yr Children and your own state of mind and what prospects you have before you. My daughter Annis was my'd to W. Roane one of the council, last month and Betty to W. Aylett this month. The matches are agreeable to me, the gentlemen having good fortunes and good characters. I shall resign my office next month and relieve my wife and self being heartily tired of the Bustle we live in here. I shall go to Hanover to

land I am like to get of General Nelson, or if that fails toward again - My wife has 5 fine and very promising children and I rejoice to hear yours are so. Pray my dearest sister, let me know how I may serve you or them. Mr. Walton is waiting, so that I cannot enlarge. Let me know how many letters you've rec. from me, for I have written you 4 or 5 this last summer - I've got but one from you and that was by Colo. McDoual. Congress is about to agree to give up the navigation of the Mississippi. I've exerted myself to prevent it. Let Col. Meeler Col. McDoual and a few judicious men know of it and that I recommend it to them to get petitions both to Congress and our Assembly to oppose the scheme. I have not time to explain this affair fully, but a firm protest of the Treaty whereby it is to be given up is I think necessary from y\_\_\_? people - God bless and preserve you ever beloved sister prays

your afft

P. Henry

P.S. Charge of the Ring  
30 dollars from Wm. Waddill. "

To Mrs Anne Christian,  
Danville, Kentucky"

" Goochland August 9th, 1789.

My ever dear Sister

It is long since I had the pleasure of a letter from you. Indeed I'm certain it is a very great chance if ever a letter arrives safe either from or to Kentucky. I never in my whole life wished anythin so ardently as to see you; tho' the prospect is now far very far distant. Mamma is still in a very lingering condition, and intends staying in Virginia untill next spring, such a determination would be extremely disagreeable to me did I not prefer my Parent's health to every other consideration - Still I can't help reflecting frequently on the many tranquil days I have frequently spent in Kentucky. Happiness is not for me tho' I believe for I might be happy here but I so often let my reflections carry me back to my beloved home and yourself that I can't be contented perfectly. it seems so long till I can see you that I may as well not think of it. We have returned about a fortnight ago from a journey to York. I was pleased with the journey. I know not how anything goes on at Kentucky. I suppose you have heard before this time of our respectable Grandmother - she died about a month ago and is gone to reap the reward due to those who persist in a course of piety - - - - -

We are now at Aunt Woods - int to set off

in about three weeks to Hanover and come up again to Richmond. In the main, I have hitherto spent my time tolerably agreeable. But I begin to be very anxious to see Kentucky again, and to think we are to stay till next Spring. I don't like the thoughts of it at all. Mamma talks of spending the winter low down somewhere; where she can get the sea breezes I suppose either York or Hampton will be the place. I can't express how much I want to see you. I heard while we were in York that Mr. Bullitt was extremely ill with the Pleurisy but have since heard he is gone back to Kentucky. I want very much to hear how your little children and my little niece and nephew thrive. I suppose Annie can talk very plain by this time. It seems an age untill we are to see you. Heaven out of its infinite goodness send some unforeseen event that oblige us there this fall. Indeed I begin to think I can never promise myself much happiness exclusive of retirement. I have so often enjoyed at home and wish heartily for those days to return again. I have but my own \_\_\_\_\_ sations to acquaint you with. Wishing  
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My Dear Mamma Cove Spring May 9<sup>th</sup> 1787

I wrote you by Mr Belli. & now by Mr Mc Corble who is to sett  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> with the children, as we expect a large number of Men to go  
in then for lead for this Country. We are all well thank the Lord, &  
my little Family as happy as can be expected in our Situation, &  
thru the Lord we enjoy many blessings in this strange Country, I have  
been supported in an uncommon manner here under our great & pious  
friends & a helpless Family, left to the mercy of many creditors,  
what could I expect, but ruin & distress, but blessed be God we are  
likely to struggle through our difficulties beyond what was looked  
for, & I hope never to forget the mercies I have experienced in the day  
of my distress, Oh may I ever be thankfull for supporting Grace  
one year & one month is now past away, since I was deprived of  
my chief earthly Happiness, I have had a strange scene since I  
got to this Country indeed, how happy should I be to see you once  
more, but God who orders all things only knows if we shall  
meet again in this world, may his goodness prepare us to meet in  
Heaven where true joys are only to be found, I have not heard  
from Mr Wallaces Family lately, nor from Mr Buttitts, I am getting  
the people ready for the journey, I was over to see Mrs Rice ~~last~~  
yesterday it is the only place I have been too since I came here to live,  
only once to see Col Madison who lay sick, the girls have stay'd very  
close at home & we have very few acquaintances here, Capt Mosby two  
miles of, sent for us over to dinner to day, Sally & Betty, & Betty Trigg  
is gone over there, his wife is the Woman who lay sick up at Cecil's  
ordinary as they moved out to Kentucky, Sister Wallace & I went up to  
see her there ————— I must take the liberty my dear Mother  
to mention one thing to you which is this, that as it has pleased  
God to increase the handsome Fortune your dear Son reciev'd from  
his parents, so that at his death he provided plentifully for his dear  
Children, & most generously left me an Independant Fortune, which must  
be leave to my Children at my death, these reasons makes me wish you  
to divide your estate amongst your other grandchildren, as your pru-  
-dence & affection directs you, as heaven ~~has~~ has blest these  
with a sufficiency of the things of the world, I know you will  
excuse my freedom, for to whom should I write <sup>freely</sup> if not to you  
my only earthly Parent —

I hope often to hear from you, & all the dear Family where  
you are, I can scarce tell you any thing as to our future  
residence; I want to get from here next winter, I sometimes  
think of living in Beard's Town, as it is only 20 miles from  
Hallsburg & 40 from Fort William, I could be supplied with  
eats & Work from the latter — here I have every thing to pur-  
chase, but should the War permit I long to return to Fort  
William & get settled once more —

May God bless you now & allways

I am my dear & honored Mother your  
dutyfull daughter

Annie Christian

Hotel

Mrs. Elizabeth Christian

Facced by  
Mr. M. C. (or M. C.)

Mr. E. C.

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The Filson Historical Society

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Anne Fleming  
 Bell-mount  
 May 16 ,1787

My Dear Sister

I now write you by Capt McCorkle who is preparing to go in the 18th with Stephen, Betty & Fleming, poor Billy has been very sick, & is too weak for the journey, Bill & K---(edge of page torn here)\*--also goes in, I hope to send Isaac & Dorson (?) directly (!) after Christmass (!), I expect Mr. Wallace will carry Hanna home with him in June,

Thank the Lord we are all well, & have experienced the perticular (!) goodness of God in this Family, & hope we shall dericted (!) & preservd (!) by that kind Providence who has never forsaken us, & since our fatal loss has kept us in peace and plenty, & many other blessings we enjoy tho' most unworthy, I have wrote a long letter to your dear Mama & five others, & have a good deal other fixing for the childrens (!) journey so must conclude. pray remember me with great affection to dear Mr. Fleming & all the dear children, I pray God to bless you & direct you now & allways,

I am Dr Sister yours ever affectly

A. Christian

Letter addressed to:  
Mrs. Elizabeth Christian  
August 17, 1787

Cove Spring

Honord (!) & Dear Mamma,

I have never had the pleasure of hearing from you since Capt. McCorkle went in, & I have been out of paper some time past, I cou'd (!) not get as much as would write a letter, We are all well thank the Lord, & Bettys is at Mr Bullitts (!) staying with Prissie, they were well last sunday (!) I heard from them, The news of Indians is very bad in Jefferson so that I dont (!) expect to move to Forst William this year, I am now renting old Mr. Myer's place 10 miles from here, he has got a good Plantation houses & gardens & the place safe, I cant (!) stay here any longer, having no conveniences, & everything to buy,----The Indians is very bad at Cumberland Col Logan has ordered a draft of every fourth man to sett (!) off there the 20th Inst., our Country seems besett (!) all round with Enemy, so that People have crouded (!) surprizingly (!) thick in the centre for safety, Sister Wallace was here 2 weeks ago with her little son Caleb, she left all well at home, Polly was grown very fat she told me, she brought me over the valuable book you sent me, which is really a great present & one I value much, How capable are such wise & good men to write for the instruction & comfort of others, & I look upon it as a great mercy that I have such valuable authors to peruse, I have borrowed several from Mr. Rice, Mr. Blairs (!) sermons among the rest, a most excellent piece, I have great satisfaction in Mr. & Mrs. Rices (!) company they are exceeding kind, & good to my Family, I have experienced many comforts & mercies amidst my afflictions, which ought to make me thankful (!) whilst I live---- & when I look back to that mournfull (!) time (when I was deprived of my dear friend & husband) & reflect that all was dark, gloomy & dismall (!), before me, & see myself brought through to this day; through so much trouble & distress, it makes me wonder at the great goodness of God, & shows me how able he is to bear us up under every tryal (!) even ever so great, Oh may we be made more sencible (!) of the vanity of all earthly comforts, & of the Infinite importance of the Favour of God, without which, & an interest in the merits of Christ, we must be miserable--- I hope to have a letter from you before long & am anxious to hear how all the children got in & where they are now, I will write Sister Fleming the next oppertunity (!) I am in some hopes of seeing you, but God only knows if it will be or not, I have had two (!) great a share of the comforts of this world to expect many now remainsm Please togive all our love & best Compliments to Dear Col Fleming Sister & children, my childrens best duty to their dear grandmama, may the Lord bless you allways

I am Dear Mamma your  
Dutyfull (!) Daughter  
Annie Christian



Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Christian  
 At Col. Fleming's  
 Botetourt County  
 Favord by  
 Mr. Belli  
 Oct. 30, 1787

My dear Mamma,

I had the pleasure of recd. yours by Mr. Springer & Mr. Bullitt was here who also recd. one from you, I am happy in hearing you are well, but it has & still gives me pain to think of your never having recd. any support or maintainance from the ample provision left you & which now amounts to a considerable sum---Sufficient to discharge the debts I hope, & which I expect will be raised in time to answer any demands against you. I had not seen Mr. Bullitt for more than a year till now, he has directed me to have Salt sold for Cash at what ever it may bring, Money being so scarce in our Country, had occasiond (!) me to sell hetherto (!) upon Credit Salt to the amount of 640 pounds due next fall, our horses sold last fall for 150 pounds now due, also 50 pounds from Craig due last Christmass (!), both debts are in suit, 170 pounds due from Col. McDoual last march (!), & which he expects to pay this fall. I hope to pay Mr. Wallace 100 pounds shortly & get his order on Col. Fleming as he mentiond last winter, if you approve of it still, if not we can send it by some safe hand, I will use my best endeavours to get you something considerable as quick as possible, upon receving (!) yours Mr. Bullitt looked over my dear Husbands (!) acct. book, which he has coppied (!) out to you, Col. Boone & Mr. Daniel brought in their accts. which is paid off, & Capt. Edwards put a note in E. Winstons hands to collect of Doctor Gilbert 17 pounds which is paid to Hancock & Lockhart, he writes, I have paid Edwards the Money, & as to the mare, if my memory does not fail, Mr. McCorkle told me she was sold, & he had settled with Lockhart, but you can best inform me, The two horses Woodfolk purchased for Kate & Bill he gave 50 bushells (!) of Salt for at 10/---your Grey horse is here, & is in good order, the old Black I sold for 10 dollars worth of corn, he had the role evil (? writing indistinct here) badly, Isaac will ride in your Grey, & I will get one for Damsen in place of the Black, I am thankful to God for all his goodness to me & mine, oh what a sea of trouble have I been brought through, & supported amidst various tryals (!), Capt. McCorkle said he woud be down to see you, & I hoped he woud inform you of may perticulars (!) relating to my Family as I knew it woud give my dear Mother Satisfaction, as there is but one Executor acting to this estate, & he is at a great distance, I have been much perplexed how or in what manner to conduct matters, for I was Ignorant & amongst Strangers, & I am Intirely (!) unacquainted with my dear Mr. Christian's affairs (how they stood in the Settlement, as he transacted most of his business down the country), but I hear the bond Brom Byrd Smith, was sent to Mr. Madison by Mr. Lockhart & is lost between them, it was for 100 pounds. I hope Mr. McCorkle will see about it. As to our debts here, they are decreasing, we every now & then pay off the most pressing as we can but money is hard to raise here, & no indulgēce given at all to us, There is 74 pounds due one Hair, & 38 to Col. Campbell & about 70 to Southall & Charlton, at this day which is all that calls for immediate payment, & I am determind to be frugal as possible & use all my endeavours to get the debts discharged, & I

Letter addressed to:  
Mrs. Elizabeth Christian  
Oct. 30, 1787.  
(Continued)

have only bought 11 pounds of Coffee since I left Fort William may was a year---but I thank the Lord my Children & I have our health, & are blessed with a plenty, & that in a place of safety, I sent Mr. Flemings letter to Col. McDouals for Mr. Wallace, my love & best wishes attend him, & my dear sister & Children how happy shoud I be to see you all once more, I will yet flatter myself with the pleasing thoughts, mat God bless you all my ever dear Mamma is the Sincere wish of your  
Dutyfull Daughter

Annie Christian

P.S.

My love to Cousin Leney & Polly, Prissie & her little girl are well she gives her duty & love to you each respectively, she woud write but has no paper....as to my advising you with regard to administering, I know not what to Say, perhaps it may be best for you to do so, I will write you again & Sister Fleming as soon as I get paper.

The Filson Historical Society

Letter addressed to:  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Christian  
 At Col Flemings  
 Botetourt

Dec. 6, 1787

Favor  
 Mr. Beal

My....Top of page torn off with part of first line of  
 letter missing.....this first line reads....

I have just heard of.....going into your country tomorrow  
 morning he is about seven miles from here, & I shall send James off  
 with this letter for him to carry to you, I rec'd my Sisters (!)  
 by Mr. Scot & rejoice to hear you, and all are well, as we are here  
 thank the Lord, I have been so Scarce of Paper I have misd (!) one  
 or two opptys. of writing to you by not having a bit in the House  
 till now, Mr. Gillon is here he came today, & I expect to get him  
 again to teach the children I am the more anxious to het him, as I  
 recollect more than once to have heard, my ever dear Mr. Christian  
 say, that he wished to get him to learn our children, & wished we  
 had house room for him, which we had not at Fort William, & now I  
 have a plenty of room here, & they are growing up every fast, Prissie  
 Stayed with me a Fortnight, & I have not heard from her since she  
 went down, She is very happy tempered you know, & I hope is toler-  
 ably contented, poor dear child she plead hard with me to come &  
 see her this winter, but I cant (!) leave my other children here by  
 themsleves, I must entreat your dear mamma not to be uneasie about  
 us, & it is very true I have one tryal (!) after another, but ----  
 when I reflect how I was supported & borne up under the first, &  
 greatest, that human nature is capable of, I must endeavour to look  
 upon all others as triffling (!) in comparison, as really they are,  
 & beg for patience & resignation to the Will of God, I have much  
 ---very much, I cou'd wish to say to my dear Mamma, but dare not  
 commit it to paper, & hope it may please God to give us a meeting  
 in this world yet, I am to pay Col Marshall an Acct. my father ow'd  
 in the Office of between 4 & 5 pounds, & I have paid Mrs. Todd an  
 Acct. of about 5 pounds (it was prov'd) she took Salt. One James  
 Hind has applied to me for 16 pounds he says Daddy owed to him  
 for many years, but I would do nothing in it, & refered (!) until I  
 heard from you, or cou'd get your derections (!), if he swears to it  
 & will take it in produce, I suppose I may settle it that way. My  
 dear Mamma I will write you again shortly, May God bless you ever  
 more.

I am in haste your Dutyfull Daughter  
 A. Christian

On the back of this letter was written the following:  
 Mr. Beal will deliver you 9 pounds, 15 guineas (?)

Taken out of Mrs. Christians money  
 1 half doller, 2 (?illegible), & one bit to get Sugar & Molasses  
 two pistreens to John  
 Nine shillings to get sugar  
 seven & three pence to get nails  
 one pistreen to get needles  
 one pistreen to Tom D....  
 2 pistreens to get rum

[6 Dec 1787]

Letter addressed to\*  
Mrs. Elizabeth Christian  
At Col Flemings  
Botetourt  
Dec. 6, 1787  
Favor Mr. Beal  
(Continued)

2 pistreens for soap  
1 guinie & 5 dollers

In one corner is the following:

2 Guineas .....	2.16
1 doubloon.....	4.10
6 dollers .....	2.9
16 DeCutt (?).....	1.0
	<u>10.14</u>
Small silver	.3
	<u>10.17</u>

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Louisville, 12<sup>th</sup> Decr. 87.

Madam,

A tedious & distressing  
Sneeze has hitherto prevented my personal  
attendance for the Purpose of getting  
our long standing Account fully &  
specially adjusted. It is certain, <sup>however,</sup> there is  
a considerable Balance due me;  
and the Object of this Letter, is to know  
whether it would be agreeable to you  
to furnish about <sup>or two thousand</sup> fifteen hundred  
weight of Pork in part Discharge  
of the Balance. The Pork would  
be received at Danville, or any  
where in that Neighborhood. I shall

shall be very glad if convenient for  
you to accommodate me; the more, as  
Colo. Taylor, who is about to move,  
proposes an Exchange, by allowing  
him a Difference, which I would  
make suit me.

I shall take the Liberty  
to expect your Answer by the  
first Conveyance, and have  
the Honour to be

Madam,

Dear Madam,

Mr. Christian.

1787

Dear Sir

This day Lenny and his Family sets out for Kentucky by the way of Stanton. which will take him by Red Stone, and when he will reach Fayette is uncertain. I wrote to you by Mr John Bracher's wife, and in that refer'd you to enquire by Col. Scatter for a state of your Affair with Gholson, which I hope you got. I suppose after the date of your of January the 12<sup>th</sup> as you did not mention it in yours, next week is our Court when I hope Lashheart may do something. This week I was surpris'd by Col. Bullitt's stepping in, as it was unexpected, he rested a day, he seems undetermined whether he will take the charge of Capt. Christians Estate, he got me to give him a copy of the Will, in order to consult Council, whether he can with propriety discharge the trust reposed in Col. Christian by his Father, and will be determined on his return. The Old Lady has been long very infirm, she is a good deal better & I hope will in some degree recover her health. My Family have been all indispos'd with violent colds.

I am to recommend myself to your & Family's

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Receipts for Salt  
for 1787. &c - -

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Sir

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Harry has got no cloaths from M<sup>r</sup> Pryor but Shoes & Stockings, he say he had a note to Martin Daniels to get him some cloth, but M<sup>r</sup> Daniels refused it, I want you to try to get M<sup>r</sup> Pryor to provide them for him at Bards Town, or he will not get them this winter I expect. Capt Edwards informs me, that there are only two Furnaces rentd out, & that those Capt Sturges & Saunders have got - that they are to work their own Hettles, so that perhaps their being there may be no disadvantage, as we shall stil have the Seven to rent out on other terms, he says that Capt Torrell will not rent Saltsburg, - however I shall say further about it at your return, I am Sir your Serv<sup>t</sup>

P.S.

A. Christian

Capt Edwards tells me M<sup>r</sup> A. Daniels has sold a large Gudgeon at Saltsburg for 7 bushels of Pot<sup>ash</sup>.

Please to advise Capt Sturges to prevent any thing there being despoil'd of in future.

I wish you to see about the old Hettles what number are there & mention to him

the above circumstance.

<sup>we</sup> Capt Edwards tells me Saunders intend ~~to~~ gain being tired of it

Please to settle Mr Johnson Acct  
give Capt Edwards an order for  
the amount. J.C.

To

Mr Richard Woolfolk

Payed by  
Capt Edwards

Mr Woolfolk

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