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To

Mrs Hester Wilkins at

Lanblethian near Conbridge

in Glamorgan Shire
turn at Ross

Brecon Aug. 25th
1729

Hon. Madam

Last week I receed your letter &

the things by David the Tyler, & am very sorry
to hear you are lame, but I hope 'tis well over
by this time. I have had a very kind letter from
my Brother Cann, he said he was not certain
whether he could come this circuit or not, I have
had a constant pain in my stomach every evening
for this month, & about 2 fortnight since I had
a very bad sore throat, I took severall Doses of Physick
for it, & am very well now, the feaver has been very
rife in Hereford shire, & is now begun there again
Jack has been Sick of the feaver as 'tis supposed, one
of my Grandfathers clerks was at Hereford and saw
him, but he was better then, than he had been, he
had been bled the day before, & was then about the house
last Thursday my uncle Edward & his wife, & Mr
Scurfield & his Lady & Mrs Phillips, & two other young
Ladies & my selfe, went a pleasureing upon the
welsh pool, they brought meat & liquor & dined upon
an Island that is in the middle of it, there is a very
pretty boat that will hold thirty people, it was very
pleasant, the pool is about four or five mile out of town
& is 3 miles long or more, I am sorry to hear doctor bates is
Sick, pray send me my welsh bible, & I should be very
glad if you could spare me a book of preparation for the
Sacrament, I want the Shift of my mothers that is in my
drawers, and a night cap with an edging border

& my black feather which is put up with my ribbons in
paper in the white box

if you please to pack them up tight & send them to care of
assistes to my grandfather he will bring them me, unless Mr
Evan Williams brings them in the sumpter if he will be
so kind, Sr madam I have nothing to add, but that
all the family are well & give their service to you

I am Sr madam your dutifull & affection
- one Daughter E. Williams

There is some other among my things a brown Silk handkerchief
if you can find it send it me

Brecon Feb. 23^d
1730-31

Dear Mamma

I wrote to you my last letter by a person of Cardiffe, who was to go with letters to my Brother, which I hope you received, I desire you will send me by the Circuiters the work'd waistcoat for Jack, I this day had a letter from him he is very well & desired his duty to you, I beg the favour of you to send me at a sizes My mothers Christening Suit that has the edging on it, for it will be of great use to me, tho' perhaps formerly I should not have thought the edging good enough to wear, but now I find the price of edgings I must not expect to have such fine ones as when you were so good as to dress me in your fine things.

I see every body here has handsome whips that I am ashamed of my ordinary one, & have sometimes borrow'd one to go abroad with, I should be very ^{glad} to know what yours cost, or if you would please to sell it, I would give your own price for it, & send you the money when they returne from the assizes, for I should have a greater value for any thing that came from you, then I should for a thing of double the price that I bought any where else, I always think of you with thankfulness for all your loving indulgence to me, & I'll assure you there are not many in Brecon that have finer edgings then I. Madam If my Circumstances would permit there is none in the world I would sooner live with then my dear Mamma, but tho' absent I hope I shall never live to be ungratfull, I beg you will please to send me the 3 last volumes of Don Quixot by the assizes folks, for I brought the first with me, all this family & my Aunt Churchkeys are well & join in service to you with D. Mother your Dutifull & affectionate Daughter Eliza Wilkins

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Brecon 8. 18. 1737

Hon^d. Madam

I receed your kind letter with a great deal of pleasure & should have answerd it sooner if my health had permitted me, I was taken ill when they were at cardiffe a sizes, with a violent disorder in my Stomack & bowells so bad that I was forced to consult a Physician, which was the first fee I ever gave a Doctor, he calld my distemper an hysericke ~~ch~~ cholick and orderd me a great many Medicines, which at last removed it, I had after that a violent pain in my limbs, that I could find no ease whatever posture I was in, but by continuing the medecines I thank god I am now perfectly recoverd, and have been now a week without any returns, and now begin to venture abroad again, my Aunt has been very ill near this two months, but is now recoverd we had a melancholy house here, she and I keeping our chambers at the same time, I hope you enjoy a good share of health, and that the gout will contribute to a long life & keeping off all other disorders, which is the sincere wish of her who with a gratefull Duty desires to be esteem'd

I^r Madam your affectionate & obliged daughter
Eliza. Wilkins

Brecon May 8th 1735

D^r Mamma

I am ashamed to think how long
 tis since I wrote to you, but hope you will excuse
 it, for I have not often an opportunity —
 I thank you for the kind token you sent me, but
 this family were then in such a hurry & among the
 rest that I had not time to write, tho' I desired my
 Brother to do it for me, he brought me the agree-
 -able news of your being very well except the remain-
 of a fit of the Gout, which I hope contributes
 to your health,
 My Brother Cann has dealt very hard with Jack
 and my self, & started several objections relating
 to my Fathers will, though I am sure what we
 had, was inconsiderable to his fortune,
 he has obliged us to give up 'at our right to the
 plate and furniture, which must now be his —
 So Mrs Wilkins of S^t Georges will now have her
 wish, & live in hopes of shining in your jewels
 but I hope your will long live to use them your
 self, I have so much charity for my Brother as to
 think he is naturally good natured

but has not the liberty of following his own
 inclination, but is subject to the commands of
 a thoughty wife, and a cunning mother in laws
 if you would favour me with a line, it would be
 agreeable, & acceptable to

D^r Madam

your ever grateful
and dutiful daughter

Elsie Wilkins

all this family join in
 Services to you, & pray
 D^r Mamma let me have
 the pleasure of hearing from you
 Jack presents his duty

Brecon Sep. 7th 1797

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It would have been a great pleasure to me, if my good Mamma had favoured me with a line by the bearer, by whom I had the agreeable ^{letters} account of your health — I have writt you several, which I am affraid you did not receive, I directed most of them to you at Lambethian, not knowing of your being from home Mr Thomas tells me you have been at Bath, but I hope it was not upon the account of your health, if it was. I hope you received all the benefit you could wish — the last letter I writt to you was about a month ago I directed it to be left at Mrs Gabbs at Neath, in that I gave you an account of my Sister in laws being brought to bed of a daughter. my Brother with the approbation of his friends, made a very happy choice in a wife and I think my self particularly happy in having her for a Sister. for we were always very intimate, your present to little Nancey was very kind for which I join in thanks with my Brother

This is an addition to all the former obligations we were under to you, for the tender care and fondness you always shew'd us, and shall always be gratefully acknowledged by

Dr Madam

your Dutiful daughter
and affectionate
humble servant

Eliza Williams

Brecon Jan. 26.

1738

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It is so long since I had the pleasure of hearing from my Dear Mamma, that I thought you were gone to the Bath, till I was inform'd about a week since that you were at Mrs Muckworths, where I hope this will find you very well, wishing you a great many Successive happy years, it would be a great pleasure to me to hear from you, tho' it were but one line, if you would do me the favour, for I shall always retain a Dutiful sense of the obligations I am under to you and should be glad if it was in ^{my} power to make a return —

My uncle Tho^s Williams's wife is just returned from London, where she has been to make her Brother a five months visit. She tells me a piece of news of my Country man J^r Edmund Thomas, his friends were always surpris'd how he could make such a figure with his small fortune, for he kept his chariot and two footmen in London but now the matter is explain'd, for it seems he has had an amour for some years with a lady of great fortune, one Mrs Northey, a lady that had the best of husbands, and four or five children. — Mr Northey discover'd this scene of iniquity by a letter of J^r Edmunds to his wife, which he found by accident. in which he call'd the ladys youngest son his own. upon this the unhappy husband without taking any publick notice, made his will and gave his children great fortunes, except the youngest to which he gave little or nothing & left him under the care of his mother. but all the rest he put under guardians, then took his wife and family into the country, and died there in a few days, and his thought hastned his own Death by a dose of poison

Mrs Cawkey and all this family join in services to you my Brother and Sister desire their duty, they have a great liking you, into begins to melt about, but I hope there is a coming storm I am afraid I have tired you with my long story of J^r Edmunds intrigue, but the poor gentlemen heart, adds so much to his grief that caused it, that it made such an impression upon me, that I could not help ~~forgetting~~ telling you the whole affair — pray my humble service to Mrs Muckworth. and believe me to be, Dear Madam.

your Dutiful

and affectionate Daughter

Elizabeth Williams

Brecon Aug^r 24th

It is always a great pleasure to me to hear of the health of my Dear Mamma, and that you are so good as to think of me, I was so engaged when the messenger from Neath was here, that you kindly ordered to enquire for me, that I could not possibly write by him. Mr Thomas tells me you proposed making but a short stay at Mrs Mackworths and thought you would be come home when he returned from Cardiffe

I wish Brecon lay as near Landblethian as Neath for then it would be in my power to see you oftener then I can now at this distance who have not the command of horses or servants, I have a great many services to you from all this family in general, my Aunt Williams of Winforton, as we call her by way of distinction, has lately been very ill with a violent cholic so bad that the Doctor and all her friends gave her over, but is now very well recovered

Lord Mansell and Mr Bussy mansell come here to our apices to countenance a clergyman, that was tryed for unhappily killing an idle young man of this town, with one blow of a slight whip, after receiving great prookah

it showed a great deal of humanity and condescension in the gentlemen to come so far to serve him, and I believe was of great service to him at his trial, Mr Mansell upon oath, gave him an exceeding good character which weighed a great deal with his jury.

My Lord and Mr Mansell came to an assembly that we had and send ~~the~~ ~~the~~ very much pleased with the company, Mr Mansell danced only ~~the~~ french dances but my Lord danced all night, tis no wonder he is so well beloved in the country, for he had a perfect genteel affable manner of address, Dear Madam I beg pardon for my flots, but my excuse must be that apices is a taking time and his new past one in the morning

I am

Yours^r Madam

your Dutiful

and affectionate Daughter

My Service to Betty if you please

Elixa Wilkins

Brecon August 31st
1745

Hon^d madam

I proposed to my self the pleasure of hearing from you by Mr Edw^d Thomas, but I find he has not seen you some time, I am sorry he did not wait on you to know if you had any commands to your friends here which he might have delivered by word of mouth, if writing was troublesome to you — he tells me you complain of sore eyes which I am very sorry to hear, for as you lived so lonely reading was a great amusement to you, but I hope they are not very bad, and you should endeavour to save them as much as you can, and wash them with S^t Mary's well water which they say is very good.

Mary James's son is grown a very pretty boy, I was glad to see him. I suppose Mr Richard Powel will be married soon to our towns woman they say he has rented the great house at Neath, Miss Easton is a good fortune, and was a very prudent house keeper to her uncle, so I hope they will be very happy.

my Aunt Churchey's family are all well, and join with the rest of your friends here in good wishes for you and Service

My Brother & Sister are both well & the seven children
I suppose you will hear from him personally
my both Aunt Williams's desire their Services particularly
to you. I am D^r madam with prayers & good
wishes for you

Your most dutiful
and obedient daughter

Elixa Williams

Brecon Ap: 17.^e
1780

Hon. Madam

Yesterday I receed yours & am very glad to hear you are in health, I hope you will excuse my putting you to this trouble but I forgot in my last, to Desire you to send me my worked night gown, & my fanns, & the Silk part of Thoose which is in my Drawers, for I want them mightily, and ribbons or gloves if there is any, for if I can avoid buying, I shall be glad, for one to buy every thing one wants, every little helps & D.^r Madam this has been a very expensive year to me, being obliged to buy, two or three night gowns, Shifts aprons & headcloaths, & a white holland quilted petticoat, & against last a size, was obliged to buy a Suit of black Silk, which came five pounds Seventeen Shillings, the very Silk, besides the lining & making, I have begun to work my self a Suit of Cloaths, upon a holland, 4 Shillings a yard in red & green Silk, I find a great deal of odds now to what it was, when 'twas my Mamma was to buy every thing for me, D.^r Madam I should be obliged to you, if you could give me some piece of lace to make a french call, to the lace head you were so good as to give me, there is a fair here the 23. of this month, so I hope you will have an opportunity to send me it.

By the way, I should be very glad if you would please to open my Cousins's suit of drawers to see how they keep. From the Jamyn an account of some few things in the chambers, very little value for you would not give him an account of the plate, linen, nor Pewter, or any house 'tis now a very busy time with him & being just come home, that I could not have a copy more, but you shall have it very soon, & should be you will excuse an account of the above mentioned things which he has not, I hear Cousin Molly is married, to one George Lucas a Bartons son, with five met with St Boocull, 'twas at St John the was married, and had her wedding dinner with D.^r George Howells & Stay there some days, but I have heard nothing what sort of amatch 'tis tho; I'm afraid 'tis but indifferent, D.^r Madam desire I may hear from you how long you are staying in Glamorganshire, & how you left Mrs Carter & my's Hord at St. Hill, which will be a great pleasure

all the Family
here give their
warmest service to
you
D.^r Mother your
affectionate & dutiful
Daughter Elizabeth Williams

Hon.^d MadamLast Friday I rec^d your letter &

the linen gown, which, I ^{find} has been come this month from Langlethian, I writt to you by Mr Windsmore the Manchester man, who went to the last fair at Cardiff & promised to give it some of the neighbours to bring you, in that I desired you, to send me my two Suits of Cloaths & my blue Quilted peacoat but since I did not hear from you, I am afraid you did not receive it, I believe the surest way I can have it now, is, to send it in the Sumpter by the Curriers, if they can spare room for it for I want them prodigiously, having but two Suits here, & especially^{as} I am forced to wear, my black Silk on all occasions tis very particular, Dr Madam I am very much obliged to you for the Stay buckles you were so good as to give me, & I beg of you, not to call your Self in your letters to me, as a mother in law, for I am very sensible you never behaved you Self to me like one, I must do you that justice ~~and~~ which I believe every one that knows you will to say that we were particularly happy in you Dr Madam I beg I may hear from you, as soon as you receive this, I hope Evan Williams will not scruple carrying my things in the Sumpter, if he doth

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I am sure he will be very ungratfull & so I shall tell him

my stunts Betty Chamberlay is at Mr. & has been there, this week, I had a letter yesterday by a messenger by chance, from Jack, who is very well & desires his duty to you, my stunts Morgan is very well, & is gone a visiting into Herefordshire, all the rest of this family is well & give their humble service to you I hear my Brother & Sister is in Glamorganshire I desire I may hear whether they are ~~settled~~ settled there for good, I writt to my father, when I heard they were come but have had no answer, so I beg when you see her you will ask whether she received it, I pray madam dont think that I will scruple postage but let me hear from you as soon as you receive this

when ever I am able to walk to
Cowbridge will go there where there
is som that I shall get them to signe my
Will I answered Mr William Williams
letter as soone as I had his and when ever
he pleasd to send me the Will I left with M^r M^r
which he told me he had sealed it up to send
it me by some of the family that will be coming
this way When I was at Cadoxton I left
with Dear Mrs M a Bundle of Writings
that belongs to my Brother Hawkins of that
Estate in Gould Cliff that he or his will
enjoy at my death I wrote upon them whos
they were and when I am dead to write to them
with a directi-ions to Muxton by Newport
in shropshire I sent my Brother word where
they were placed in a safe hand for the promise
to do doe I hope it will not be longe before
your Honour will be able to travell to Bath
which waters will relieve that paine you endure
my Duty to my Good lady and your self with
service to the little family.

I am

Honoured for
your most humble servant

Richard Wilkins

May 25 1747
Sunday

I beg pardon for this long letter
all letters from Neath goes to
Cardiff and then here unless they are
given at Buben ferry with a penny
I mention this if any thing

Hon^d Mother

S^t Georges 27 July 1746

Yours of the 13th instant

I rec^d and am glad to hear by the
Bearer that you are so well. I am sorry
y^e bills of repairs in Monmouthshire
amount so high this year; as for what
you hint in yours by way of present as
I did my Cousin, I heartily wish I had
been by my father's effect, enabled to do^{it},
and that I had as much for the support
of my wife & children as you have for
y^e self & family. You had 6 Guineas of
me before I know my father's ^{circumstances}
wh^{ch} you was welcome to, and do assure you
that no body wishes you better than I do
who am with the due respect of this family
Hon^d Mad^m.

y^e most dutifull Son

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Edm Wilkin

Honoured yr

I condole you for Dear Mrs A Mackworth, and hope this will meet your Honour much better with thanks for your kind present of Chocolat

Mr William Williams sent me my Will and vacand places for me to name some things I made some mistakes in doing it therefore ~~write~~ I made my hand to do it write as for that you were pleased to send me I approve being you are willing to be my executor can give what you please My Husband his Rings and Jewells what calls for is a Guardel Buckell and two Rings for my finger the Gold Necklace was his also the Gold Necklace of good beads that were in separable with false beads what was my own is the Diment Cross and ~~Rhuncer~~ Rhuncer to the cross my earrings with drops ~~are~~ was mine also ~~of these~~ ^{of these} ~~what~~ ^{what} he calls mine as for the Tweezer Case is but mettell & of no value I was informed by Mr Horne that these things should not be named in my Will and that I should take the Rhuncer from the Cross for that would go to Mr Cann as being legatary Residuary

I am desirous to do nothing that shall occasion any trouble to any one, while I am living and much more when I am dead therefore hope that every one that shall enjoy what is mine may have it without any expence to obtaine it in any respect my desire to live and die in good will to all the world your Honour can give to what Daughter you please so could Mrs A M had she been living with what was mine

I was much concerned to see
you in the Ghout, this fine weather
will amend your Colds & lameness
the recovery of them both is my very
 hearty prayers for ~~for~~ your self
and family
I returne my humble Thanks for
the Tea you were pleased send me
& open Drink your health in that
good licuer
pray God mend Mrs Ann Mackworth
or take her to him self; I am much
concerned a bout her disorder
I thank your Honour for sending
me an account of her & shall be glad
to here further of it

My very humble Thanks attend yourself
and the very good lady of the Ghout and
all the young Ladys

Sam

Honour D^r

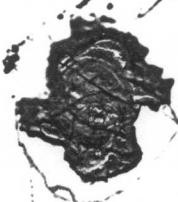
Your dutifull and
humble servant

Charles M^r in
April 28th 1749

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To
Herbert Mackworth
member of parliament
at Gnock by Neath
Glamorganshire

about 1840
May 13 1843
Mrs. B. B. B.
with



How? Goller

Boston 15.th April 1743

I writ you a letter in answer to that which
you sent me about my Brother but reciev'd no answer
but hope my letter did not miscarry, I sh^d have
come over to see you from Cardiff a piece but that my
time w^d not permit me. My wife has sent you by
Mr. Thomas half a pound of green tea, which I hope
is quite good, I propose my self the pleasure
of paying you a visit this summer and sh^d be
glad in the mean time to have a line from you
with an account of your health and am
with my wife best Compliments to you

Your Dutifull Son
Seryent

John Wilkins

W^m. Wilkins

Sept. 20. 1738

Since I have had no Answer to y^e Lett^r.

I sent by M^r. Mackworth's man I thought it not proper to send the money I had Received from M^r. Jones, unless I had y^e order for the doing thereof, which I have expected by every post

~~I shall remain very much~~ I want till the return of the Mid^{le}, to know how y^e Doc^r bearing y^e are ill, and not able to write I have been hindered upon M^r. Mackworth's Hardest Business, that prevented my journey to Heston; until now in a few days I hope to take a trip, and a Tyler along with me to repair the House in some part, where it ruins thro' the Tyse, and does harm to what's under-neath — I think if y^e please to take of the old Capell as much as is needfull, to prevent buying of New

I Read a Letter from M^r. Mackworth on Saturday last, wherein he gives me an Account of his and Mad^m. Mackworth and little Lady's are all well excepting Mad^m. had had a fall, being Lame at present — he's in hopes to come here as soon as the weather settles, and has sent for S^r. Humphreys Horse Lett^r for that purpose; I had a Lett^r from M^r. Spaldie with such News I was very sorry to hear that Mad^m. Mackworth is still in danger of losing Cadix stone; I most heartily wish it may not be so —

As soon as I receive the other part of the Money I shall gladly come with it to see y^e with all, whom ever —

W^m. Spickett sent y^e with Love

Y^r. faithful humble Serv^t. Tho^s Notkin

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y^r most dutifull Son

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John Wilkin

Wilkins

Last Saturday fortnight, died at Cowbridge in the 105th year of her age, Mrs Elizabeth Wilkins widow, who retained all her faculties in great perfection till she had passed her 100th year, and her understanding till the last.

She was a truly good woman.

Hereford Journal
27th January 1785