(OBVERSE)

[Miss?] M. Gibbs
Queens Berry Arms Inn
Sanquhar

[remnants of blackened wax seal]

['1846' written on the side in pencil]

(REVERSE)

Prestonpans January 18/1846

My Dear Margret

            We received your letter [and?] was happy to hear you were all well I hope I hope My uncle is better. We are all pretty well at present. Aunt Betty has been here she went away on Wednesday Morning she intended to go to Martonhall but was prevented by a swelling in one of her feet.
There being no one at home but Elisa she could not stay long Margret is at service near Coldingham and George and Andrew areaway too. Uncle is coming in the spring to see us.
Dear Margret grandfather was very disappointed about the cheese not coming he has fretted a good deal about it before the letter came and the cheese not coming made him rather angry but he is pleased now however we got a nice soft peice [sic] for him and he says it is very good.
The [salt?salts?] you ordered was forgot last week but you will get it this week. I will send the cap you left along with it.
I am sure Margrey if you keep your promise in regard to the writing I will be most willing I hope you will write soon after receiving this and let us know how My uncle is.   Dear Margret I am very anxious to learn to be an Infant Schoole [sic] teacher you know I have one thing that is required I can sing a little and it requires very little education my cousins think [Miss?] Thomson would be very willing to teach me. I am afraid to speak of it to my Mother for I think she will be against. I would require to go to [gasgoue?] To finish and it is so far away, you must say nothing of it in your [nesct?] as I have not yet spoken of it and they may see the letter I will tell you more when I write again there are no [nents?] stirring here excepting about the [beetilubars?] Dr Ritchie was there lecturing and did very well I believe they are doing some good

I must bid you goodnight as my hend [sic] is very sore
                              I remain
                              yours truly

                              Mary Alexander