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Dear 2^d

I write to thee lately by Jacob Hallerford ~~quarry~~ ^{quarry} enclosed to thy bro
Aunt: we hope thou wilt have ~~the~~ ^{the} ore that comes to thy hand
we have also an act of the departure of my dear wife
we have given me great cause of heaviness & sorrow my
nearest friends ~~former~~ ^{former} families & acquaintances do drop on
every hand so that as to them I seem as I were exceedingly
devoid of that sweet comfortable & precious enjoyment I
~~had in the society~~ ^{had in the society} of community I had with them but not yet
without the enjoyment of the company & pleasant society
of many good friends ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ those parts and a necessary in
spirit to many in ^{my} native country whose remembrance is
very delightful to me when I look on them in that wherein we
had our first acquaintance then is it they are in life made
near me but my dear father father in law ~~and~~ ^{his wife} mother in law
A R: & sisters of my children are taken from me the parting
with them brought me into much grief but last of all my most
near & dear male companion & dearest yoke-fellow I
was deprived of we have been to me a trial & tried me
all I have met with before whilst I had enjoyed her I still
thought she made up all the breath but now she is gone
I seem naked on every hand Lydia died about a year
ago so that there are none left but myself & our offspring
of the family only ~~these~~ ^{these} dear Elonor I always looked upon
as ~~the~~ ^{the} dear ~~instance~~ ^{instance} family &
that as ~~one~~ ^{one} of my father in law's children by adoption through the
but we wrought it in an opposing manner & by power
there of wrought me & my dear wife in to the like nearness
of brothers & sisters ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~your~~ ^{your} ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~offspring~~ ^{offspring}
with ~~affection~~ ^{affection} love & affection ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~like~~ ^{like} ~~you~~ ^{you}
like minded concerning ours my dear daughter a beguile of
a hope full towardly young woman is now my house keeper and
is very regard full of me but not but the friends of it and
friends love her I have 2 boys at present but almost ready
to go to provide my youngest I acquainted ~~was~~ ^{was} in my last
ward with ~~gent~~ ^{gent} ~~son~~ ^{son} & he is with them mixed with the like
care & tenderness as if he were their own & thinks they love
him with an equal ~~love~~ ^{love} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~about~~ ^{about} ~~6~~ ⁶ ~~months~~ ^{months} ~~when~~ ^{when}
they took him therefore I love Elonor I always loved her & valued
her and one greatly endeared to me in a near relation & now
thy trial & mine being mine & thine I do not nearly sympathize with
thou art I in nearness should & do stand in love to thee we are not
in the least ~~concerned~~ ^{concerned} but the father enlarged beyond what it once
was & the two may ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~world~~ ^{world} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~once~~ ^{once}
in solitary places because of the loss of our former friends yet thou
in I feel apprehensionately ~~long~~ ^{long} ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~therefore~~ ^{therefore} ~~below~~ ^{below} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~like~~ ^{like} ~~concerning~~ ^{concerning}

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Principal Pemberton

to
Eleanor Laydock

Beginning of the year 1697?

a copy of a
letter to
Elvina Haydon