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LETTER to DAVID URQUHART (Born 11.4.1810), husband of
CHARLOTTE LAWRENCE (Born 12.1.1817)
from their eldest son, James, announcing the birth of DAVID URQUHART,
our Grandfather.

Original in my possession from the papers of my Mother.

Christine Urquhart Smellie.

The letter was folded, without envelope, for posting, and therefore
bears a postmark: ABERDEEN E JA 8 1850 (in usual circular
rubber-stamp form.)

Handwritten as follows:

N Kinmundy January 6th 1850

Dear Father

I write to inform you that Mother was safely delivered
of a son yesterday afternoon he is a big stout boy but Mother is very
weakly and has been for some time and is quite unhappy that you are
not here as she expected you would have been or this time and is much
surprised you have sent no answer to her last letter and desires you
will write her immediately on receipt of this that is if you dont
intend to be with us in a few days yourself but we have been expecting
you for a week past and Mother begs you will not now delay in coming
I shall not in the meantime say what is our circumstances as you will have
some idea what our needs are at this time and as Mother is very poorly
I hope you will try to come as soon as possible and so expecting to see
you soon I am

Dear Father yours
Affectionately

James Urquhart

JAMES URQUHART

Born 7th December 1836 : Died 7th October 1854

He was 13 years and one month when he wrote this letter. Writing and
spelling are without a fault.

He was drowned, off Lowestoft, not five years later, two months before
his eighteenth birthday.

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