

In Compagnie with an Act of the presbytery & in wall held at Stromness the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of Aprile 1718 with the Rarie of the Minister Elders and Head of Families of the paroch ther present at the visitation of the new Kirk These are Appointing Doctor John Johnstone Merchant in Stromness to cause build in the said Kirk a single pew of ten feet and an half of Length and two feet and an half of Breadth And that on the north Side of the Kirk astwards under the Loft appointed for Strangers close to the back of Joshua Crafts pew the which pew is to be payed by the said John Johnstone and his Heir allenealy for ever they residing in the place & frequenting the Ordinance But at the same time retaining legnes & power to him or his Heir to sell or set the said pew for yearly quarterly or Monthely Rent And in case the said John Johnstone or his Heir shall do so the said Rent shall fall and appertain to the Session of Stromness for the use of the Church there Besides the said John Johnstone is appointed to pay in Half a Crown to the Kirk Box at his viewing of his Extract of the said Act Given and Subscribed under the hands of the Minister Elders of the Session and Bailey of Stromness at Stromness the 11 may 1718

J: Nisbett min  
H: Graham Bally

M: G. B. P.  
Joshua Crafts wife

An Extract  
of  
The presbytry Act  
in  
favour of John  
Johnstone

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