

Mr Joshua Johnston Stromness  
Dunee 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1706

Dear Sir The good acct<sup>s</sup> of the welfare  
of your family & friends conveyed to us in  
your letter of 3 March last gave us much  
pleasure & we congratulate you on the  
Increase of your family. We have the  
satisfaction to acquaint you that all  
your friends in this Quarter enjoy at  
present perfect Health. Your Son  
no doubt will have informed you long  
we now the mortification your Sister  
Mrs Taylor had in the sudden & un-  
expected Change in her family, by the  
Death in March last of her two eldest  
Daughters, young Women possessed of  
every amiable & virtuous Quality that  
can render the Sex worthy of Esteem

We have to inform you that we have  
given orders by this conveyance to Mr.  
Brymer when in Cash on our acct<sup>s</sup> to  
remitt you Sixty pounds on your Son  
Johns acct<sup>s</sup> 10s for Mr Malero's & Twenty  
four pounds for Interest on the £200<sup>00</sup>  
the property of your Daughter Katherine  
which we doubt not he will do as soon  
as he finds it convenient - Mrs Johnston  
joins in Love & Compl<sup>ts</sup> to you your family  
Mrs Malero & all friends in Orkney  
with

Yours most obed<sup>t</sup> & ble serv<sup>ts</sup>  
J. O.