

Stronnes 29th April 1778.

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Represents that upon the 19th Ap^{ril}.

for he sailed from Newburgh wth a cargo of oatmeal
of 29th March last he sailed for South wth some
Incl small flour bread soap goods for months and upon the 5th
Ap^{ril} he arrived at Newburgh where he looke wth the rest
of the cargo of oatmeal and up the 19th sailed from Newburgh
wth his said vessel in good order and condition wth his said cargo bound
for North and the 20th the wind came
Northward when he was obliged to put into Grayburgh
where he lay wind bound till the 22nd of the said month
that the wind coming fair he sailed from Grayburgh
in purpose of his voyage and upon the about 12 o'clock
night the wind became easterly varying toward the
W^{est} and on the morning of the 23rd he was
about 4 leagues distant the wind he was soon
to clear it so as to get round to North but the wind
becoming still more westerly and increasing he was
obliged to come in thro the Pentland firth below
of the Skulland sheries where he met with
high running sea wth after 9 o'clock on over the fore
and broke the rails & carryed away several things of
Decks so that the vessel is bound so hard & shipping
much water he was afraid of damage to the cargo
water into the hold tho he and his crew did all their
power to prevent it and about 12 o'clock at noon of the
24th day of April the vessel bro^{ke} all the masts & rigging of her
wth her crew to be free of the damage and as he could
not proceed to North he was obliged to ply for Stronnes
where he arrived the 28th where the Duowley
addressed Mr John Gifford Messrs & Charles Johnston of
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