

Mr Josiah Johnstone

Thirkwall 21 March

1774

Sir

It appears that on the 16 June 1770 I forwarded under cover to your brother in Law the late Mr. Halcro of Cubster, Abstract of an Acco^t Curr^t as it stood in my Books, the 1st Nov^r 1769, no doubt you have found such an Acco^t among his Papers— As also different fitted Acco^ts between his Father and me preceding that date. In this last Acco^t the Ballance was against his Father £78.12.7— I now send you inclosed abstract of the said Acco^t, and by carrying forward the said Ballance to the debit of a new Acco^t with him^{self} I have carryed down every Years Acco^t by itself down to the 1st Nov^r last, when there arises a Ballance yet due me of £56.18.½ which goes to the debit of your Pupils Acco^t the son of the late Mr Halcro, I should be glad to know soon you could settle this Account with me, as it is inconvenient to have such standing long Open in ones books.— If there be any thing in them you want to have explain'd, you'll be so good as let me know— And I am— Sir— Your most humble Serv^t
W^m Buffon

To
Mr. Josuah Johnstone
Writer
By Mr. Balfour in
Stromness

21 Mar 1774
Thos Balfour

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