

Mr Joshua Johnston
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Your favour of 23rd Oct is before me
It does not appear, that there was any letters exchanged
between the late Coustler & me, when he gave up the direction
of the Store to me, tho it will appear from the face of former
Acc^{ts} that both he and I were evident Sufferers by neglects of
various kinds during the time of his management. and if you
think it necessary a reference may be made to these acc^{ts}
in the Settling of the present Acc^t. so as to take off all Ground
of Reflection from us both. — If you are satisfied the
disputing should stand thus way, you may return the Copy
of the Acc^t sent you, together with a Copy of such disputation
as you shall think proper in the present Case. I shall make
out another Copy of the acc^t. and affix the disputation on both
and after Subscribing them before witnesses shall send both Copies
to you for your Subscription, one of which you will retain
and the other you'll forward to me. — I know not of
any

any Letters that have pass'd between Cowles & me young
me to a Prejudice, untill the present dubbe calingus, if
there are such it will be time enough to speak from them
when we know their Contents. At present all the Subjects
that I can touch are lock'd up. Money I have none; neither
have I us'd any for months past, but what has been taken up
at Justice, and such is my Necessity at present that I
must still about to call in every Shilling that is owing me
but I shall take care, this Call shall not extend to your Pupil

I am
Sir

Your most Obedt Servt
Wm Barlow

Whwall 30th April 1774

I am your Obedt Servt from Novber to pay you
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Kirkwall 30 April 1774

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