

Mr Joshua Johnson

Kirkwall 27 December 1782

Sir

My last was of the 25th in answer to yours of the 20th - I enclosed I send you Abstract of an Acco^t, Curr^t, Balance against me £45.19.4 and being advised by Mr Lindsay that you owed him for Superior Duty a Sum above £55 - I have paid the Balance to him in Cash of this date to Acco^t, of Arriars of Sup^r duty on Peulisters Lands in the Bishoprick Presb^r 1781 and precedings I also send you I enclosed Copy of what occurs to me should be the Accounting on said Acco^t, which I would not insert on the Acco^t, untill it met with your approbation so that you have to make subadditions and alterations as you please on said Accounting and send it to me to be insert on the Curr^t - You will please also return the Curr^t, to save the trouble of making another Copy - When you have examined the Acco^t, another duplicate shall be made out and both Copies shall be signed by me at Kirkwall and by you and Mrs Johnson at Stromness - The sooner this is done so much the better, and if possible I should be glad it was finished before the new Year Commenced It is pity you had not given me notice sooner that so large a sum was due Mr Lindsay as I might have paid a considerable part of it before now - With Compliments to Mr Johnson and your family I remain - Sir your mo^o: ob^d: Serv^t *Thos. Ballou*

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