

Mr Joshua Johnston

Stromberg

12 April 1883

Wm. Balfour

MS/2/S

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Sir

I am sorry I should have kept the  
Quo<sup>rs</sup> so long from you but want of health and having so  
much to do with them I could attend to it has prevented me

Mr Keith saw that part of your letter wherein you express  
your opinion that the original Bond could be got out of the records  
he says no such is allowed after it has been C. M<sup>o</sup>. and  
when extracts have been given out

I enclosed I return two duplicates of your  
Quo<sup>rs</sup> Curre<sup>nt</sup> sig<sup>d</sup> by me before witnesses, I send you no direc-  
tions about getting up the witnesses names and designations to your  
and Mr Johnston's subscriptions when that is done you have  
to return me one of the copies and if you think the Documenting  
on these Quo<sup>rs</sup> is not a sufficient discharge to account you

You will in that case make one such a discharge on  
Stamp'd Paper as you choose to have I will sign it before  
witnesses and pay you the expense of

I return you the extract of the Bond and in hopes of hearing  
from you by next Saturdays Post I remain with esteem

Sir

Kirkwall 12. April  
1783 your mo. obed Serv  
Geo. Ralston