

Dear Brog^r

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London Nov. 24th 1770.

The Cause of my Writing you at present is to Inforce your Punctuality & Diligence w^{ch} respect to M^r W^m Hales's letter of yesterday, and Godam p^rvey to the Whole of it and his letter of this date, both being concerted 'twixt us, you will adhere to the Directions here Given you as private to yourself

The request in the first, is £400. to be taken up upon the Surrender of his lands (w^{ch} not Selby's lands for that sum, but a Wadsett. for he will not sell it on any Act. at this time) and the reason for so doing is that he wants money to lay out for trade to India, and must have money for that purpose or otherwise it is needless for him to proceed on the Voyage & in short he cannot go without, as the whole advantage that he has by the Good birth (Gunnar) he is in, is the Priviledge of trade, therefore as you regard his Interest & that of your Daughter, be sure that you loose not one moment of time for his time is so short that none is to spare his time. Connoisseurs has ^{colony} deliv^d which was just to take the advantage of him as appears by the result of proceedings, and by which it appears to me that, by Pretended Succession & Friendship he wanted to cheat him out of at least £200. M^r Hales has had £140 or 150 of him at Different times, his Clear Rental is £10⁰/s Year which at 30 years purchase, as we hear it gives & I think improvable land is certainly worth w^{ch} is £450 besides there is shores that is valuable for the whole of this land. sends to y^e amount of 100⁰ to his friend in Endinburg who sends M^r Hales an irrevocable Disposition to be signified & Returned before that the money is remitted, Judge of this, Acquaint yourself by obtaining the Request of the letter of this date which is politically sent to you to shew^r Andrew and Obtain a Prectioning before

£400 to the rest

before that he knows his proposals is not to be comply'd
with, otherwise he might extortion, so that you'll be expost in
that point, when you have got the Acc^t Current you
are not to send it as desired but keep it for the satisfaction
of those w^{ch} whom you agree whether Mr Laine or any other
you will first treat wth Mr Laine I shall write him wth this post
that I recommended Mr Hales to him & desire his diligence in
determining for or against, I think he is y^e most likely to com-
-mit an immediate sum in London, which is my motive & that
he will be as proper as any Capⁿ and be sure to observe,
that, money must be had, the more the better £400 if possible
but if so much is not obtainable take £300 or rather
than fail £200 this I write by Mr Hales's desire who
woud that any person had it rather than he let it pass off
he shuffels about the Acc^t Current to put it off, do not delay
for that to settle wth any that will, for Mr Hales assures me
that the most he owes Londⁿ is £150 so if possible conclude
& remitt the remainder to London with all expedition
with the proper writings to be sign'd & settl'd wth Londⁿ & after-
-wards, I propos'd Mr Hales's applying to Mr Laine before
but as he was connect'd wth Londⁿ he apply'd to him &
now has but little time to have an expeditious return to
his present Letters, but if he is disappointed either by delay
or otherwise it will be an junctureable future loss to
him as it will oblige to evacuate his Present berth
in the India Service not being able to do any thing
in it and go in the Navy which is insignificant

I am with my love to you & all
Dear Bro^r?
Yours affectionate
J^r Johnston

My Brother's Child for the 12th of January 1747 and I send it from whom the Professor to whom in one of the Letters
I have had no letter from Henry? this year but when he comes next in form of Great Britain's George has gone
to London's Hall of the King's Chamber left behind of his father in London

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N. One Impediment has just started in my mind which is that
on Wadset the present Rentall will not pay the Interest of
the £400. therefore to amend that the Interest must be paid
Otherwise untill the time that it may be redeemed or sold
& as M^r Halsers would rather give ten per cent Interest for the
Money than want it, you must agree to make good the
Common Interest for the full sum advanced, which I am
Certain he will readily agree to.

To Honorable Mr. of the High Court of the Admiralty

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in witness whereof I have signed this my hand and seal at London the 15th day of June 1708

Wm. Ashurst
Attorney at Law
for the Plaintiff

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