

D^r Brooy^r

I have two letters from Brooy James of 9th 15th Oct. Authorising me to acquaint you in his name that if you choose to committ your son to his care & will send him before 15 or 16 years Old Qualified to Write & Cypher Tolerably, he will use his Endeavours to put him in a way to live, he has also ordered five pounds for you. I am very sorry to hear that Peggy does not nurse her Child as it is Mr. Haler's Earnest Inflation that the Mother should always Nurse their Own, I think it my duty to intimate to you to enable you to Advise her to be very frugal, that I have no more Monney belonging to him in my hands Only the Value of 6 Guineas worth of things Ordered to be sent to Ostney & wait Opportunity. Just before he sailed he had the Misfortune to loose all the Remains of India Goods about £20 Value seized by Information of a Justice who used to sell things for him & was some how affronted, and his whole Stock of Adventure on the present Voyage does not amount to £20 his Wages is just £40 for 6 Months, so that I think they have both need to be frugal & I shal refer to you to Advise her & I hope she will adhere to your Advice for she would not follow mine. & she well knows that I Labour to give her the best in my power as she would & did go to Ostney I think that it happens very well for her & him that she remains there until he has it in his power & thinks proper to write for her, for at Present would not be in my power to assist her, which if it was in my power I would wish & readily do for his sake, My wife Joins in love to you your wife Mr. Haler & all your Family & I am with every good wish D^r Brooy^r
Yours Affectionately

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from Joseph Johnston

M. Joshua Johnston

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