

D<sup>r</sup> Brother

London Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1769

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I have this day Received your letter & I hope  
by this time you have received mine of y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> I'll which  
will ease you with respect to your daughter Peggy, she  
is well at my house, but much concerned at the necessity  
she has caused to her Mother and you, but we advise her  
against the Folly of repining for what is done cannot be  
helped incouraging her to hope for your Part, but to be  
wise of a Folly, with, she seems to have been innocently  
by unguarded as we when seduced by the Serpent, but y<sup>e</sup>  
broyal I hope will be much for her Good, as she has seen a sample  
of the Worlds deceit, you put a very odd construction on  
the Directions from Marroway, but it certainly was in-  
tended for further opportunity to depend, that Letter  
was dited by M<sup>rs</sup> Dares & Peggy Dares not to write anything  
but what the vile Hypocrite directed, and it is the Opinion  
of all that has heard the story that it is fortunate for Peggy  
to have lost her Money, sooner for if she had gone farther  
it might been much worse, we have prevailed w<sup>th</sup> several  
to use their interest in procuring a good place for her  
untill which she will be w<sup>th</sup> us. And I hope she will do  
to the satisfaction of her friends, I have done as much  
for her as I could w<sup>th</sup> Propriety & I assure you it was out  
of my power to do more for times are very hard here so that  
I hope you will comply with the Request of my last letter  
without Delay both for your Credit & Mine.

I

I have received a very friendly congratulating  
letter from M<sup>r</sup> Malcolm Laing & it adds to our Happiness  
that all our friends are satisfied w<sup>th</sup> our Union & give me leave  
to acquaint you as a Broj<sup>r</sup> & Friend on my Part, that I have  
the greatest proof of my Wifes Affection towards all my Relations  
which undoubtedly merits the like return from me & my  
Friends & wherever it may be in our power to deman-  
-st<sup>r</sup>, it is our Duty so to do. —

Adieu

I am glad to hear of your w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Halero's confidence  
have heard that he is to dispose of his Estate in the  
Broj<sup>r</sup> and I have by considering the Interest of both you  
& your Broj<sup>r</sup> in Law, thought on after to cultivate a very  
worthy Friendship, it is well known to you that any Broj<sup>r</sup>  
in Law M<sup>r</sup> Laing is inclinable to make purchases of Lands  
in Orkney, & I am convinced that he would be as far a  
purchaser as any Other, I would (unknown to any) here  
recommend to you & solicit your Interest for procuring  
an Offer to him in case he should be inclinable to Purchase  
if not it will shew your Readiness to serve him, but if  
he is Inclinable, I would Intreat you still further (as  
a Peculiar favour which will induce me to esteem you  
as a ready Obliging Friend & Broj<sup>r</sup>) to use your utmost  
Interest with M<sup>r</sup> Halero to let M<sup>r</sup> Laing have in his Op-  
-tion to Accept or Refuse the Highest Offer. Thus I am  
Perswaded will recommend you greatly to his favour  
& Friendship & I will venture assuredly to say that your  
Broj<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Halero will likewise Experience it to be his Own  
Interest

to adhere to this base, Especially, if they came to an  
amicable Conclusion, more than with any other whatso-  
ever, as he would thereby cultivate & confirm a very  
Substantial & Interesting Friendship both in Barbadoes  
& Jamaica. This intimate to you as the Fruits of my  
Own Considerings your sincere friend & likewise  
Mr. Halcocks, & which I advise you to Prosecute on  
request with the most Alacrity, as your Own Judgment

shall direct. e m.

Your Affectionate  
In. P. Tolson

P.S. Peggy Dismissed from her Mother  
and her Uncle's Care. All Friends with all due  
& affection. My wife joins in Love to you &  
wishing you all Happiness.

Mr. J. Johnston  
London, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>  
1769

W. E. Johnson

Mary Robinson  
in a letter  
to Mr. Johnson

Orbney



From Mr. Johnson  
to Mr. Johnson  
6 Oct. 1769.