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Tues 2nd May 1781

I received some time ago both your agreeable favours
and all now refered, as had nothing new to Transmitt you with
regard to my former situation, But now acquaints you that I
had offer from Mr. Fred^r that I incarcerated me, of Liberation, and
that without any point of Settlement Thus I did not chuse to
accept, being made to understand that his Meaning was to
have Recourse on my future Progress, and to prevent his intention
I caused a friend in Town to lay an Arrestment to Detain me here
till such time as I will get a Generall & small Settlement which I am
resolved to have or come out as the Matter cannot hurt me ~~in~~
in Person for circumstance or Character more than it has done, and
I will be entirely Misfortunate unless it proves in my favor here after
if I have to lead the same time of life, and I am bold to think
it shall never be a Means of my Friends, Deserving me as it is
a Matter Incident to all Men of Business & is not foreseen nor
Prevented The three Crimial Fred^r have been concerned with

in Glasgow has kept payments and has got settled with their creditors
for half the sum I made offer to them before coming here, but using
this step with Mr. urges me to give them as little as I can & if possible
none at all. I have had a letter from London from Mr. John a few
days ago, which says he means to sail very soon. I would be heartily
sorry to think he would lose this opportunity, as from the nature of
what I read in the papers, each vessel of the Dutch Fleet they
will be accompanied with a strong Convoys, In a letter from Mr.
McDonald of this day I am happy to understand that you & family
is well. I can say you would have a long conference with him and
am sure you would before now understand the Gent^{l^m} is not accomplish
with great Policy yet same time is a good kind of a horse.

I had the pleasure of seeing that good black Stevenson from
your part when Conduct I will refer to Mention till Meeting. I had
seen a Gent^{l^m} pass ^{by} here who resembled Mr. Goodop. But imagining of
It was ^{him} and have call'd you would have read of our Defeat at the
East Indies, & is much suspected was owing to Treason likewise
what hidden Treasures is daily found at the Austalia, I mean to
send Mrs. Hally's Commission by Post soon.

You'll not fail in Writing Me a Long Letter on receipt, and
I am with the greatest Esteem to you Family & Friends -

D^r Sir

Yours while

John Urquhart

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to
N. Joshua Johnson
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Promises



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