

Dear Dec: 25<sup>th</sup> 1780

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I received your favour a few days ago and note  
the contents, in which I am glad to know that you are all well and  
shew that you have heard from Mr John tho not mentioning  
what time he means to set off for Lutbeck, I had been answered  
your letter before now only something unexpected that has taken  
my way that prevented, I had occasion to have dealing with a  
litigious fellow a merchant in Glasgow, which a few months back  
obliged me to give him a Draught of <sup>part</sup> Imperial Secundoale Gallie  
which draught the said merchant accepted as good to such time as he  
had occasion to draw for his money and then unluckily the Draught  
would not be accepted as any value the drawer Gallie being indebted  
very much to the Reg. Therefore the draught being returned upon me  
with Expedition diligence to be executed &c. I was obliged to yield  
and he incarcerated there, from doubt could prevent my so being only  
being advised by my Friends in Town to take this method which I  
expect will prove to my future advantage, & the famous Gallie has  
made his Elopment and cannot be pursued - I have wrote my wife  
yet nothing with regard to the above & beg that you will keep the same  
as a Secret from her in fear of her being uneasy and from all to such  
time as you hear my next, you may mention if James stands upon  
the same mind, which he shall do, as he himself communicated his  
mind to you that unless he would get a free Passage he could not  
as yet think upon such. I mean to write Mr John this day but  
nothing touching my Situation. It is true this affair will oblige me  
to begin the world a second time and in expectation of the West I  
Remain with my love to Mrs Johnston and sincerely yours, while -  
John Urey

Free <sup>no</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>year</sup> <sup>1780</sup>

Mr. Joshua Johnston Writer

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