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Quebec 16th May 1801

Mr. John Johnston

Dear Sir

I did myself the pleasure to write to you on 14th Aug^r - 28th Oct^r & 24th Dec^r last year & 19th Jan^y this, the two last were Mess^{rs} Matthew Mainden & Co^s 18². Set of Cash^{rs} of 24th Dec^r @ 60^{ths} on Mess^{rs} Kildale Hamilton & Co^o London for thirty pounds Steelz of which I begged your acceptance. As opportunities by way of Halifax & New York, by which the two last were sent, are always tedious & sometimes not without risk of miscarriage, I send you by this conveyance 3^d Set of the above Bill.

I have the satisfaction to inform you that on the whole I have had no reason to complain with respect to health during the Winter, a few slight Colds & a little touch of the Gout accepted, I have thank God weathered it out very well; It has been the mildest and shortest Winter ever remembred in Canada, the month of March was as mild as formerly that of May, on the 1st of April the River St. Lawrence was quite clear, all the Lake Ice had passed, and the Navigation open as in Summer, the Vessel by which this goes arrived from Liverpool on 25th Ult^o the earliest arrival ever known in Quebec: Vegetation of every kind is at least a month earlier than usual. We have now at this early season twenty four or twenty five Vessels from Great Britain & Ireland, tho' only one out of 8 or 9 expected from the Clyde is arrived; Mr^s Johnston & her Relations who we understood were to sail early, have not had the good fortune yet to arrive, and we begin to be very anxious about them. We have a Ship from Keith that touched at some of your Islands, but understand she was not at

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Stomachs, otherwise we should have repeated the pleasure of a few times
from you, to advise how all friends there go on. I am glad to learn
that Mr. Wroughton has returned from India & remitted his Wife
some trifle from his savings on the Voyage. All your friends here
are well & charge me with Compliments to you & Mrs. Johnston. Mr.
Irvine has procured a place for Joshua Halero in the North West
Company, but is bound to serve six years, the usual time, young men
engage for in that service, but if he behaves well he has the chance of
soon afterwards making a fortune, many who went in with greater
disadvantages have of late years returned worth £20 or 30,000.

My best Compliments to Mr. Geddes & Family cause me to him in not
writing to him by this conveyance, as the Vessel sails to morrow Morning,
& it is now late in the Evening, & from the confusion in moving our
lodgings, prevented me from gaining intelligence when she was to sail.

I have leased our property in Champlain street to Matthew Mainster
& Co. & returned to the House in which we lived when Mr. Geddes was with
us. Your Cousin John is well & joins me in best respects to Mr. Johnston
& all friends in the Orkneys. Believe that I remain

Dear Sir
Your friend & able Serv^t.
J^ohⁿ P^{er}cy

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Quebec, the 24th December 1800

Pay this third of Exchange (first second or

For £ 30-0-0 Sterling

At Sixty days sight please

John Lums Esq^r

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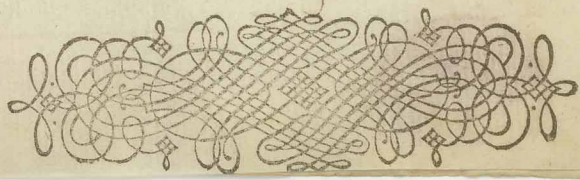
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To Messrs Baskin & Haydelton Esq^r Bankers in London

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John Bump Esq.
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