

I received your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1758 & observe  
 the Contents, am glad to hear that you & your family  
 are all well, I thank god my family enjoy a tolerable  
 good state of health at present - & hope these will be  
 you & yours enjoying a plenty of of same. —

I am very well satisfied that you have convinced  
 my Sister in law that she has no right to any part  
 of my Kail Ground for in my opinion she enjoys more  
 by the death of my Brother, than she ought by law  
 and if I had time & opportunity I would soon let her  
 know so too seeing he left a brother & Sister behind  
 him for she can by law demand no more than her  
 thirds by reason he left no Children, & I am obliged  
 to your son for inspecting into her papers, which will  
 give us more light into of affair, as to my Houses at  
 the shore I hope you will take care to keep them  
 tenantable, & the Houses in Parry on as good a footing  
 as possible & get in of rent as well as you can but  
 I would not have <sup>you</sup> let of tenants get too much in debt  
 but make them pay when the rent comes due, for  
 as I am not ~~near~~ of spot they will put you off with  
 trifling excuses which has been too much of case ever  
 since my fathers death, I shall be as glad to settle all  
 Accts as you can be, therefore I desire you will please  
 to send me your Account of first opportunity, stated  
 in of most ample manner & you shall mine for this  
 will be very agreeable to me, for what send can it  
 answer my having possessions in Orkney & not know  
 the produce, & at times is very hard I am like to want  
 something from it to support a bad Trade by which

I have lost greatly if your Son Joshua would remit to  
me part or all of money I lent him it would be of great  
Service at present for he must Consider I am not in  
the Hudsons Bay Service now & cannot dispenes so well  
without it now as I could then, he has had it without  
Interest many years but shall be glad of y<sup>e</sup> principle  
which in these times is no small favour for I myself  
cannot borrow such a Sum without giving five p<sup>er</sup> Cent  
my Compliments to him & Family, I conclude with  
good wishes for your health & all your Family

I remain your affectionat  
Nephew  
Joseph I. East

at the Star Brewery  
In St. Georges Fields  
Southwark

May 22 1750

Betty is with me & is well, gives her duty to you  
your family, she was with your daughter Ann about  
Six months but is not much improv'd in y<sup>e</sup> methods of  
London as yet

1 Sister  
22 May 1758

Mr Joseph Roberts

London 22<sup>d</sup> May 1758  
pp<sup>ts</sup> Johnson at 17<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup>

J. Kroy