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Quebec 21<sup>st</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1850

Mr John Johnston

Dear Sir

My last respects of 28<sup>th</sup> October of the Everetta Patterson via London acquainted you of your Aunt & Cousin Nancy's having taken a passage in the Ship Dundas for Port Glasgow in their way to Kilmarnock & have now to add, that we had the Satisfaction on the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> <sup>to learn</sup> that they had arrived safe at Greenock on the 27<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> in good health.

I then also advised you, that a final Judgement had issued & a dividend decreed of the Wreck of your Father in Law's Estate a Copy of which Judgement to save postage I transcribed, when I then wrote to you, I thought I had discharged all the Lawyer's Bills, but Mr Parrot & Mr Baethelot tell me they have demands on me for settling your dividend, but I have not yet got their Bills, but got an order from Mr Lloyd after a great deal of Trouble, for your proportion after promising Baethelot (who had made some objection to my receiving it) to pay him what fees might be due to him.

Agreeable to promise I now inclose you 1<sup>st</sup> of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mathew Mainwiler & Co<sup>s</sup> Bill of this date at 60<sup>th</sup> on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sidesdale Hamilton & Co<sup>s</sup> London for Thirty Pounds Sterling which is all I can possibly spare at present, & by your acceptance of - 2<sup>nd</sup> shall be sent of first occasion via New York or Halifax

Your Cousin John & myself are thank God in good Health, & happy to advise you, that we have escaped without loss (except a little breakage in moving our Effects) from the Ravages of a dreadful Conflagration which broke out in the little House we formerly lived in on the King's Wharf, (now Mr Morris as I informed you in my letter of 14<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> last) about 2 o'clock

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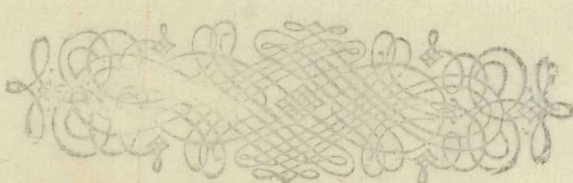
in the morning of 13<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup>, which consumed it and the wooden store opposite  
to the ground, the Door & five Window Shuttles in the Gable end of the Stone  
Store adjoining our now dwelling House, are burnt to Cinders, & the Roof  
was repeatedly in flames, but we have Reason of thankfulness to an all-  
merciful Providence, that about three o'Clock, the Wind from a heavy  
Gale from the North-east, chopped about to the South-west, & blew with equal  
violence, which carried the flames in a direction from us, & saved our Building,  
&c<sup>n</sup>, from utter destruction; happily, no personal injury was suffered. Mrs  
Munn saved herself by escaping by the Window of your old Bed-room, with  
one of her Children in her Arms, in no other covering but her Shift, having  
first dropped the other into the Arms of a person below. Munn himself  
went home in Sept<sup>r</sup> last in a New Ship he built last Winter. He has been  
unfortunate at setting out in his purchase of the lease: The elements  
of Water & fire, seem to contend which shall do him most mischief, a hard  
Gale of Easterly Wind on the 21<sup>st</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>, tore up and carried away a great deal  
of the front of his part of the wharf, & now this last & heaviest accident.

I am sorry to learn by a letter received 20<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> from your Brother Army  
Taylor at Halifax of the death on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> of my worthy & much revered  
friend William Baymer of London.

Make offer of my best Respects to Mrs Johnston, Mr Giddes & family with  
other friends in Stromness. Wishing you all the complements of the approaching  
Season, every manner of Happiness, in which your Cousin John unites.

Believe that I remain sincerely

Dear Sir your friend &oble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
J<sup>n</sup> Purps



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