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London the 12th March 1782

Mr Cousin

I Rec^d. yours of the 20th Oct. last, was
very happy to hear of your safe arrivall at Quebec,
But at the same time was exceedingly sorry to hear
of the melancholly meeting & the Death of my Friend &
Uncle John, Confident of your anxiety of seeing him,
gives me the better Idea of the Shock, & Circumstances of
the the Disappointment, I have thought it the least
of my Duty to go into mourning for him in memory of
his great friendship to me, — Should be glad to hear
how you Dispos'd of my Letter to him, & whether he
had left any will, — His Brother in Law in Malcome
Laird in Jamaica, is also Dead the 3^d of the same month
Aug^r. last, has left Mrs Johnston it is said £50 a year
or otherwise a thousand or two principalls, either to return
to her Bro^r Bro^r at her Death —

Am. Very Happy to hear of your being so agreeably
situated & to your wishes, along wth your Uncle & that
worthy Gentl^m. M^r Dorse, I hope you will ever do
your Endeavour to merit their favour & Esteem

James

I am much Obliged to You for Your Unprejudic'd Conversation
& Opinion of me, what ever it was, or what ever is the Consequ-
-ence, I wou'd wish you always to act & speak on that
just & good principals, & when the follow'g. part of my
Narrative is call'd in Question, I wou'd wish that also to be
-treated the same.

As to the follow'g. paragraphs in Your Letter, ment'g. my
last Letter, tho you are doubtful yet do not I apprehend the
least Danger, For as Justice & truth, Dictated by a
good Conscience, is the Rule of my Conduct as well as that
of my pen, I fear not an Impartial Judge.

I am sorry I cannot have your watch ready to send
by Capt. Boyd's, not Expecting him to sail before the rest
of the Fleet, of which I did not know untill about two
Days ago not being able to meet w. him before
when he gave me a Box for your Father to my Care
& told me he sails as tomorrow, Your watch will be
Completed in about two Days, & I Intend sending it
by Capt. Dickie, (of which I make no doubt he will
take the trouble,) along w. the fleet & Convoy —
Capt. Boyd comes out by the rear along w. other Arm'd
Ships, — I have made Your watch according to your
order

Order in every respect the same as Mr Brymer's
~~Order~~ Lapid & Jewell'd & every other Quality - w^{ch} very
great & very handsome Tortoiseshell Case which I think
no doubt will please you in every respect, The watch will
come to Eight Guineas, same as the above ment^d the

be
which w^{ill}

I Am Sure you
in your last Letters, — All Friends in the Orkneys
were well in October last, but have had no Letters
since, Please give my Love to Aunt & Cousins —
where due & accept the same Yourself & I,
Remaine Dr Cousin —

Your Affect. Cousin

P. I have rec^d the money
advanc^d you, from your Father
shall send him your Box by

Crafts Mackay

the N. W. Ships, Mrs Johnston & Daughters Desire
to be remembered to you, Miss Nancy Jones is Marri^d
Bray Excuse haste, & finish for the present wishing
good acc^t from you & all Friends, &c. &c. —

Mr. Craze
Hackney
London

12 March
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Mr. John D.
at Messrs. Soho

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P. the Bishop
Capt. B. B. B.