

Dear Uncle

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Your last of the 2<sup>th</sup> April I Rec<sup>d</sup>, I also rec<sup>d</sup> the B<sup>o</sup>ok & Letters sent by Dr. Mowat, and forwarded them to Portsmouth, together w<sup>th</sup> other parcels, all of which I p<sup>ro</sup>vide the Carriage there — I <sup>hope</sup> my Cousin John has not been so Neglectfull in writing you, as he has been to me, which I must Declare was not using me well, — I have a last rec<sup>d</sup> a Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst, ment<sup>g</sup> the receipt of the things sent to Portsmouth, & Desiring I w<sup>o</sup>uld mention to you what money he had rec<sup>d</sup> of me, on my acc<sup>t</sup> from his Aunt, as ment<sup>d</sup> in the follow<sup>g</sup>. —

Aunt & Cousins sett out for Portsmouth the 18<sup>th</sup> last month, next day went over to the Isle of Wight, where they continued in Lodgings, until the Fleet sail, and am Inform<sup>d</sup> they were seen under Sail, with a fleet amount<sup>g</sup> to 300 Sail for Diff<sup>t</sup> Departments God grant them a Speedy & agreeable passage w<sup>th</sup> safety — My Cousin Ment<sup>d</sup> their Convoy appoint<sup>d</sup> were the Hanniball of 50 Guns, & three Frigates, the Saddlelus, Midstone & La Brune, besides a Sloop of war. Cousin has always kep his Health very well since he has been in England, I never heard him once complain and likes London Exceedingly well, & wish<sup>d</sup> to continue longer the Ship, Aunt & Cousins are onboard, in the Betsey Cap<sup>t</sup> B<sup>o</sup>ys a very fine Ship, & a Ship of some force, I make no doubt but you have been Acquaint<sup>d</sup> of every particular of every kind from himself, he has rec<sup>d</sup> all the Letters that came thro my Hands. I have not been able to meet w<sup>th</sup> those Books ment<sup>d</sup> in your last, as yett, shall make Diligent Enquiry & send them by the first opportunity, they are not general Books therefore are not always to be met with. Excuse haste I conclude w<sup>th</sup> Love to you, Aunt & Cousins, I am Your affect<sup>d</sup> Nephew  
Cresth. Mackray

P.S. I have never seen James Mowat since he brought  
me the Box, therefore am at a loss how this comes as yett. -  
I judge he is affronted w<sup>th</sup> me, because of my refusing to pay  
him an unnecessary Expence, he was at in going to Grevesend  
on purpose for the Box, He told me it cost him three & ninepence  
the Box was wanted but did not desire him to go on purpose, therefore  
thought he had the justest Claim on you, provid<sup>d</sup> you approv<sup>d</sup>.  
of it, he requir<sup>d</sup> a Note from me ment<sup>d</sup> his Expence, but as  
I told him I had no more than his word for it, I did not doubt  
but that would be sufficient with you, as well as with me,  
I'm surpris<sup>d</sup> Mrs. Malero did not Embrace the opportunity  
of coming to London & taking her passage, in Comp<sup>y</sup>.  
w<sup>th</sup> her Brother &c. I am same as before in haste

London 27<sup>th</sup> May  
1781.

Yrs &c.  
J. Gray

Dear Uncle

I Rec<sup>d</sup>. Your several Letters fr<sup>m</sup> Mrs. Seaton, Mowatt, & J<sup>r</sup>.  
Babies franks, — I also Deliver'd & forward'd those of my Cousins, to  
my Care, I wrote you a paragraph in one of his Letters some time  
ago, which I make no doubt but you have receiv'd, In which Letter  
he mention'd, what money he had at that time rec<sup>d</sup>. of me, but  
afterwards at his request, advanc'd him still farther, for Pockett  
& other Necessary Expences Including postage of Letters (to the 17<sup>th</sup>  
April) to the amount of £1..17..8, together with a Book sent him  
that he wrote me for, and the Carriage of his Box w<sup>th</sup> Stockings &c.  
sent to Portsmouth after his Departure, also the sum of 11/6.  
that he rec<sup>d</sup>. of Aunt Seane at the I. of Wight, <sup>due to me</sup> occasion'd by a Letter  
that I wrote her that Settled her so that she paid him on receipt  
on my acct. which he mention to me in his last Letter from said  
place, as very acceptable to her being entirely in want of Money  
for purchasing small Necessaries, such as Gloves, hair ribbon &  
paying for Washing, &c. — the whole amounting to £2..13..9. He  
Desires my mentioning the whole to you, & makes no doubt of its  
being return'd, — tis Evident that his Aunt wou'd not nor has  
not advanc'd him a single Shilling, at her own Expence or out of  
her own pocket to supply his for small Necessaries, I have only to  
observe tis an Instance of her Friendship to him, as well as one  
of many to me, — — My Uncle James's true Friendship &  
Benevolence to my Mother have been such to my Mother —  
makes me think, the above ment<sup>d</sup>. Sum, will be of more service  
to me (than to her,) by applying it in the way of Business, &  
by that means making a proper Use of said Uncles Benevolence  
to me, & the Intention of forwarding me in the world for my  
own benefit & the Good of my Mother & Sisters, in future —  
I wou'd therefore wish If you please to send me an Order on  
Mr. Boymer, for the amount as soon as possible for the afore said  
purpose & Intent — And Obledge

Your Affect. Nephew  
Crafts Machay

20<sup>th</sup> May



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