

Iceland 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1809

Dear friend

I have just now received your letter  
demanding the five Pounds, And I am sorry  
to tell you that it is by no means in my power  
to raise it or any part of it at this present time.  
I have many demands upon me at present  
and must answer them all in the same  
words let the consequence be what it will  
I can do nothing to raise money at present  
My Wife joins with me in Compliments  
to you & Family and remain yours &c

Wm. Halcox

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Mr. Johnston

Mr. Malcom  
Ireland 18 Feb 1809

Mrs Johnston

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