

Addressed to: Joshua Johnston, Stromness

From: J & P – letter book

Quebec 2nd June 1785

Mr Joshua Johnston, Stromness

Dear Sir,

We received 15th ult^o your favour of 11th February and take for granted that you and your family were then in good health as you mention nothing to the contrary. We observe that you have desired Mr Brymer to remit you only the odd £ 5..6..2 of the sum belonging to your daughter Katherine and tell us that she intends that the £ 200..-.- should remain in our hands till needed. When your brother proposed retaining the money in our hands at 6 pcent interest he thought it might be of some advantage to your daughter, but if it is to lye dead in London in the hands of any person to be ready when called for, you may well judge that it cannot suit us, or any body else, to pay interest for what they can turn to no use. If your daughter therefore means that the money should remain with us at interest, it will be necessary she fix some time certain for the principal to be paid in, it will not otherwise suit us to pay a premium.

Your relations here are all well, your sister in law, Mrs Johnston, has been very weak since her delivery but begins now to gain a little strength and we hope will continue to do well. All your friends join us in best wishes for your health and prosperity. We are dear sir

Your friends & most hble serv^{ts}