Addressed to: J&P?

From: Joshua Johnston

Stromness 3^d March 1786

Dear Sirs,

I rec^d yours of the 2^d June last & am glad to have the good acco^{ts} of your wellbeing & of my sister in law's happy delivery of a son and recovery, and the expectation of anot^r child, male or female. Well done my good old brother. I wish you & your wife & us all much joy in the increase of our family.

We all join in our kind compl^s to you & my young sister in law and all friends with you wishing you all much joy and happiness.

I am singularly obliged to you for enabling my son to make me such remittances & I hope it is his studdy & endeavour to please you. Mr Brymer writes Mr Geddes that he has not recovered payment of the person drawn upon and therefore made us no remittance as yet but we are in expectation of it soon. I shall be always glad to have good acco^{ts} from you and am

Gentlemen

Your most obliged friend & hu^{ble} serv^t

Joshua Johnston