

Addressed to: Joshua Johnston, Stromness

From: J & P

Quebec 9th Nov^r 1786

Mr Joshua Johnston, Stromness

Dear Sir,

The good acco^{ts} of the welfare of your family & friends conveyed to us in your letter of 3 March last gave us much pleasure & we congratulate you on the increase of your family. We have the satisfaction to acquaint you that all your friends in this quarter enjoy at present perfect health. Your son will no doubt have informed you long ere now the mortification your sister Mrs Taylor had in the sudden & unexpected change in her family by the death in March last of her two eldest daughters, young women possessed of every amiable & virtuous quality that can render the sex worthy of esteem.

We have to inform you that we have given orders by this conveyance to Mr Brymer when in cash on our acco^t to remit you sixty pounds on your son John's acco^t, 10/- for Mr Halcro's & twenty four pounds for interest on the £200 the property of your daughter Katherine, which we doubt not he will do as soon as he finds it convenient. Mrs Johnston joins in love & comp^{ls} to you, your family, Mr & Mrs Halcro & all friends in Orkney, with

D^r sir

Your most obed^t hble serv^{ts}

J & P