

**Addressed to:** Henry Johnston, St Kitts

**From:** James Johnston

Quebec 21 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1786

Henry Johnston Esq<sup>r</sup>

St Kitts

D<sup>r</sup> Sir,

Nothing has for a long time given me more heartfelt pleasure than the agreeable acco<sup>ts</sup> which I have this year had from your fellow citizen M<sup>r</sup> Banantine of your health and prosperity who assures me that you and good M<sup>rs</sup> Johnston are happily settled in St Kitts. Be assured I shall be desirous of having it confirmed under your own hand by one of his vessels next summer. Being convinced by your frequent kind treatment of me at St Eustacia that you will both participate in whatever relates to my felicity, I have to inform you that only three years ago I married a young lady from Scotland who has already blessed me with one fine boy and gives hope of more. The good girl desires to offer her best complim<sup>ts</sup> tho' unknown to M<sup>rs</sup> Johnston and joins me in most sincere wishes for your health and happiness.

Please accept of a couple boxes of the Essence of Spruce of our manufactory which our worthy friend M<sup>r</sup> Banantine the bearer hereof has been so kind as to take charge of, in hopes of a line from you next summer with commands if I can serve you here. I remain

Dr Sir

With much esteem your ready servant

*Signed James Johnston\**

*\*NB Possibly an original signature as in different handwriting*