

Addressed to: Joshua Johnston (*no address*)

From: (*not given*)

Dear Broym^r

I have two letters from Broym^r James of 9 & 15 Oct authorising me to aqu^t you in his name that if you chuse to commit your son to his care & will send him befor 15 or 16 years old qualifyd to write & cypher tolerably, he will use his endeavours to put him in a way to live. He has also ordered five pounds for you.

I am very sorry to hear that Peggie does not nurss her child as it is Mr Halcro's earnest inclination that the mother should always nurs their own. I think it my duty to intimate to you (to enable you to advise her to be very frugall) that I have no ones (?) money belonging to him in my hands only the value of 6 guineas worth of things ordered to be sent to Orkney & waits oppertunity. Just before he sailed he had the misfortune to loose all the remaining India goods about £26 value seized by information of a hussie who used to sell things for him & was somehow affronted, and his whole stock of adventure on the present voyage does not amo^t to £20. His wages is just 40/- per month, so that I think they have both need to be frugal & shall refer to you to advise her & I hope she will adhere to your advice for she would not follow mine, & she well knows that I laboured to give her the best in my power. As she would & did go to Orkney I think that it happens very well for her & him that she remains there until he has it in his power & thinks proper to write for her, for at present would not be in my power to assist her, which if it was in my power I would wish & readily do for his sake.

My wife joins in love to you, your wife, Mrs Halcro & all your family & I am with every good wish D^r Broym^r

Yours affectionately

John Johnston