

**Addressed to:** Joshua Johnston

**From:**

Dear Bro<sup>r</sup>

This comes w<sup>t</sup> two franks to you incase you have occation to write. M<sup>r</sup> Halcro expects to hear from you every post. I heard the oy<sup>r</sup> day that Bro<sup>r</sup> Jas. had waited some time for his sloop & had chartered a vessle at N.F.Land & gone to the West Indies. I had a letter from Geo. Geddes yesterday. For particulars refer you to his father letter. Aq<sup>t</sup> Jeanie that I rec<sup>d</sup> her letter of 17 Dec. & the guesse & stockings came safe to hand. The guesse have been done long ago & we are as ready for more as ever, returning thanks for what we have had. Aq<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Loutit I recd his letter & I shall forward to Quebec on (?) first ship. Aq<sup>t</sup> Sister M<sup>c</sup>Kay that Crafts is very well. I am at a loss to judge the reason that Jack does not answer my letter. I cannot recolect any thing in it that could merit a neglect, and should any part of it be construed to that purpose it was far from my intention. I hope that he is so far capable as at least to acknowledge the receipt, and to write whither he is inclinable to improve or not. Common defxxxxtion I think would induced him to that, especially as I desired him to write by post & might be thought to wish well. Nor do I think that the freedom of expression made use of in my letter to you concerning him ought to be looked on in any other manner than a warmness for his good. Friendship ought to be free tho foes may flatter. My love to Mother & all friends, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Crafts & all friends here are well. I am with every good wish

Your affectionate Bro<sup>r</sup>

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Jn Johnston