

**Addressed to:** Mr Joshua Johnston, writer in Stromness

**From:** Walter Hood, London

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..... am happy to hear ....  
.....nys w... in good health. Mrs Urq..... this  
..ast Saturday. I saild down with her to Blackw..... .ould certainly have remaind on  
bord with her, and even gone down to Gravesend (?) with her, but very fortunately, and  
what we by no means expected, we found that the Colonel his lady & almost all the  
passengers were on bord, and therefore having such good company, it became  
unnecessary for me to continue all night, so took leave of her. The ships name is the  
Sally, Cap<sup>t</sup> Stocker, a fine ship & I hope they will have a fine passage. She wrote you  
(Mr Pringle the ships agent informed me, by him he went down with the Captain) I calld  
upon him to get it from him that it might go by Cap<sup>t</sup> Wood but he had put it into the post  
office.

The pains I have taken about her and children during their stay here gives me much  
satisfaction. I have filld up the address of the letter for her, as you desird, and put it in a  
bag of a ship going there in a couple of days. Cap<sup>t</sup> Paterson, I forget the ships name. She  
has now no occasion for any money from you. She received fifteen pounds from M<sup>r</sup>  
Brymer, over and above the payment for the draft for £30 on the strength of your sons  
letter, and a M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield, one of the ships agents, who fortunately knew Mess<sup>rs</sup> Johnston  
& Purse, easily agreed to take fifteen guineas in part .....

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gun..... she made it out. ....  
regret that she ..... cheese and a few handkfs. I doub....  
but she will prove gra.....n she gets to her husband and settled properly, for all your  
parental affection to her. I have sent a Cheshire cheese down amongst other articles to  
Mary, and it is my desire to her to let you have the half of it, which I beg your acceptance  
of. I sincerely wish Mr Halcro may meet with proper redress in his suit (?) against Mr  
Honeyman. I hope he will. I am glad to hear that M<sup>rs</sup> Hood has moved into the new  
house. It is a lightsome airy house indeed and I have not a doubt of parental affection  
ever finding a place in your breast, and filial affection in hers.

I observe what you write about Miss Cecilia Halcros going to Shetland, I am sorry she is  
leaving Mrs Hood, as she writes me she was so agreeable company to her, but it is for her  
interest as she apprehends her going. I wish her every happiness and you a happy  
settlement of the estate of Cubister.

In regard to my affairs a cloud still hangs over them; I hope they will be dispers'd soon.  
A little more money than what I am presently possessed of would be a great means in

doing it. But as I cannot get that I must wade through my difficulties in the best manner possible. The people I have got to deal with seem to .....

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.....es to me by this ship, which is .....I shall probably

attach the money remaining in the hands of .....ntgomry Wilton Miller & Swanson ~~for~~ of the Turnbolls. There is a great deal of money which ought to be remitted from the Mississippi, left in the hands of a David Cross and a David Hodge for that purpose & it is a painfull reflection to think that they have not remitted the whole long, long ere now. In place of having done this they have, I am told, lent great part of it out on interest, I hope to good people. I am sick of writing & speaking about my affairs. Wou'd to God they were all settled in some shape or other. I am determind to use my utmost endeavours to obtain some redress of my wrongs, my aim throughout is to have justice done me. Pity I should want the means to enforce it. I shall be always happy to hear of your welfare and all the family. My kind compliments to all friends, I am always

Dear Sir

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> hum<sup>l</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

Walter Hood

Direct for me at Mr Stewarts Bell Yard, Grace Church Street, London

Mr Walter Hood, London, 15 August 1788