Addressed to: Mr Joshua Johnston, Writer, Stromness, by Kirkwall

From:

Tain 30th December 1782

Dr Sir

You no doubt have accounts from broy^r John as oft as myself, as I find his first letter to me came to your place, and I am greatly oblidged to you for your attention in forwarding the same. That letter mentioned his safe arrival at Quibeck. I have received another from him from Carleton Island, and his last from the place Niagara where he designs to remain for some time. I have received a letter from Montreall from a young man an acquaintance of mine who has made me a remittance of £12 sterling in order to pay my passage to that part next March, when then I mean God to leave this place. My broy^r woud acquaint of the I also thought proper to acquaint you and my sister in law of the same, that if she means writeing my broy^r by me to give her early notice. I have been since the month of June last in a writeing office here where I woud be satisfied to remain some time, unless this unthought of opportunity have cast up. I woud be glade to hear from you in course, and acquaint me of any necessitudes about your famaily and place, and expecting the same I remain with compl^s to you and famaily D^r Sir

Yours most respectfully

James Urquhart