Addressed to: Mr John Johnston, to the care of Mrs Jean Johnston, No 54 Hounds Ditch, London

From: Mrs Urquhart, Stromness, 1 Nov^r 1780

My Dear Brother,

I am happy to hear of your coming safe to London and good health, which I hope you will study to keep as you are the only son of loving parents and brother to your many dear sisters. I have no doubt that you will aply to what you are lerning as it is the only thing that will induce your uncle and other friends to like you. For Mr Urquhart and brother left us a few days after you, and expect him heer to Cristmas. I had a letter from him wherein he mentions he is to write you. Father is keeping in good heart yet and hope will but write him often as it is the only thing that will kep him and us from longing for you. I shall conclude (with) my earnest (prayer) to God to take care of you, and am Dear Brother

Your loving sister

Marjory Urquhart

Stromness Nov the 1, 1780

PS Compl^t to Aunt and Cousins. Let us know what you do with your bed and if the gentlemen was kinde to you