

Addressed to: M^f Jⁿ Johnston, Stromness, Orkneys

From: M^f M Macnider, Kilmarnoc 23rd August, rec^d 2nd September 1797

Kilm^k 23rd Aug^t 1796 (??)

Dear Johnston,

Excuse my long silence. It was occasioned by the hopes I until now entertained of paying my respects to you and M^{rs} Johnston in person. The present situation of my affairs places the intended visit entirely beyond the compass of my power. I full much for the disapointment as I promis'd myself much pleasure in your company & friends. Before I leave this I will take with me the particulars of your law suit. Mr Walker is an intimate friend of mine. He is now in Irland with Coll. Dulerton but is expected soon here on his return to Edin^{gh}. When I receiv'd your letter he was in London and took his departure from thence with the Coll^l who I understand has got an appointment on the staff in the country.

I had letters from Canada of June last when all our friends were well. In my last to them I mentioned your wish to be remembered. Pray give my best respects to Mrs Johnston, family, friends & believe me truly

Dear Johnston, your friend

M Macnider