

Addressed to: Joshua Johnston

From: Wm Halcro

London Jan^y 4th 1773

Dear Sir,

I once more have the pleasure of writing to you and acquaint you that I arrived here the 26th ult where I had the satisfaction to find my wife in tolerable good health but found myself disappointed of the happiness that I much longed for in seeing my child which died at the age of six months to the great grief of its tender mother. I could have wrote to you before but have been a good deal hurried since I came into the river. This has been a very tedious voyage and but very small profits by it. I do not at present intend to go to India any more if I can doo any better but I would not xxxx any more than your self know my intentions as I am not certain at present what I may doo. I esteem it a great favour and am much oblinded to you for your kindness to my wife in my absence. I hope this will find you and her dear mother in good health and all your family as we are at present, and all friends here. Please to offer my complements to Mr Cruckshank and desire him to make out ane honest account of all proceedings twixt him and me and send it by post as soon as possible, that I may not have the trouble of writing a cart load of letters to him before I can understand which way he wants to xxxxx and xxxxx please be so kind as to peruse it after the boddy has made it out. And acquaint my sisters of my arrival and should be glad to heare from them but I desire that they have no stranger to write for them as I can understand (?) of their writings if they get it properly directed.

I shall add no more at present but concludes with my wife joining with our dutyfull affections to you and family and sincerely wishing you a happy New Year and remains

Dear sir

yours affectionately

Wm Halcro

P.S. I hope youll not fail to write to me as soon as you receive this and direct to the care of Mr Wm Fotheringham in Nightingale Lane East Smithfield, London