**Addressed to:** Mr John Johnston Jnr, to xxx xx Mr William xxxxxxx, No 2 Bridge Row xxxxx xxxxx, London

From: Mrs Halcro, Stromness, 28 Sept 1780

Stromness Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1780

Dear Brother,

I writt this by James Irvin. I hope you & Ant will writt me by him what news you have heard from Quibake. I beg of you to ask after the Captain or Met (Mate) of the ships that came from Quibake & let me know if they see Mr Halcro or Unkal John for I am very uneasy that thers not a letter come from any of them. You have had very cross winds but God almighty is capaball (?) to bring us throu the greatest of difikulties and (?) we trust in him. I wish Mr Halcro may send for me to come to Quibake by the opportunity that you go with. I would be glad that Ant Jean or you would send me the stays by James Irvine & let them be ful in the stomake as I am troubald with a pen in my stomake.

I need not advise you to writ for you know that your self what a comfort it will be to your father & us all to hear often from you. We are all well & joins in our prayers to God to gard & direct you & remainds

Dear brother your ever loving sister

Margaret Halcro

PS I would be glad to have a letter from Ant & lett me know if she received the fish I sent her by Donalds. Tell her (?) she's very lazy (?) in writing.