

Addressed to: Mr Joshua Johnston writer in Stromness

From: Rob^t Laing Esq^r, Kirk^{ll} 3rd Oct^r 1769

Dear Sir,

I shall be as well pleased that M^r Halcro enjoys his own estate as any (???) he have. I have no plot upon it but in the want of his (???) that he would have given me the preference as he is resolved not to sell. I will very cheerfully assure him in any good office that (???) in my power. I'll be extremely glad to spend a night with M^r Halcrow when & where its convenient for him, & whenever his health can permit. I must begg the favour that he'll step over & see my mother as she is very anxious to see him to inquire of his sons welfare. I am with kind respects

Dear Sir

Your obdt hble serv^t

Robert Laing

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