

Addressed to: Mr Joshua Johnston in Stromness

From: Robert Laing Esq^r, Kirk^{ll} 4th May 1763

Sir,

The inclosed from your brother in law came to my hand this day. It cost me 4/8 postage. I can make no (soluen?) to my brother or him upon the affair he mentions unless you or your father in law will make out a rental of the Estate & what Superiour duty it pays with (aftale?) of the debts upon it or what debts your father in law are owing that may affect it & what the value of Graemsey's security is. I have no doubt but if my brother finds that there may be a (secession?) worth while that he may advance your brother in law in order to enable him to (salve?) a home & possess it. I shall expect your answer & am

Sir

Your most obed^t hble serv^t

Robert Laing

Kirkwall 4th May 1763