

**Addressed to:** Mr John Johnston in London, to the care of Miss Jean Johnston, No 54 Houndsditch, London

**From:** Mrs Halcro & Miss Katherine Johnston, Stromness, 31 Oct 1780

Dear Brother,

I am glad to hear of your safe arrival. I hope you writt me particularly how you hear Mr Halcro is. I am surprised he did not writ by the ship that is arrived. I hope you writt me by all oportunity. I wrot by Daniel Harald which is M<sup>r</sup> of James Irvins brig. I dread the lonely nights of this winter. I hope that God will send us good news from you & all friends. I heard from Ant Johnston letter she was longing much for a letter. I ad no more as Kitty is wrot you more fully on the other side and the ship is under sail. I remain your ever affect sister

Margrat Halcro

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Dear Brother,

We are all very glade to hear of your arriving & in good health. Your father was growing very unhapay befor your letter came. If you doo not writt him evry third or fourth post he'l think your not well or something is the matter. I hope you'l not forgate to satisfy your affec<sup>t</sup> father. We all strive to divert him as much as we can but we are all very lonely & thinks much long for you and for a sound (?) of your fidal & flout. Father plays on the fidal but I have not heard a flout since you went away.

We have not seen Mr Mondy since you went. He's gon to London with Sir Thomas Sands (?) He says he will lodg in Captain Ritsharts. I hope you'l see him & send us all letters by him. I will be glad to see you hear on your passage to Quibake. I am grown better of my eye and see the day light as I did befor thank god for it. The box that I sent Molly to London I have sent it to you with your shirts. You'l keep it in remembrance of me. Give my love to all friends & am your affec<sup>t</sup> sister

Katrin Johnston