

**Addressed to:** Mr Joshua Johnston, Writer in Stromness

**From:** Mr John Macnab, Writer to the Signet, Edin<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> April 1792

*(Note on address page)* Also copy letter Joshua Johnston to Mr Jo<sup>n</sup> Gillies inclosed

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Sir,

I am directed to apply to you on behalf of the heirs of the late Mr Irving of Boston in New England requesting to know by what title you possess a part of the heritable subjects in Stromness that belonged to M<sup>r</sup> Irving. If your docr (?) there can shew me that your title to it is clear, no further trouble shall be given. On the other hand, I flatter myself as a you are a gentleman of business, that you will give the proper information and shew the necessary pasport (?) without any legal demand to that effect. I request therefore to hear from you upon the subject and are

Sir

Your most ob<sup>dt</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

John MacNab  
Writer to the signet

Be so obliging as to particularize the subjects and to mention the present value of them in your answer.