

Addressed to: Mr John Johnston, Quebec, p^r favour Mr Urquhart

From: Mr Crafts M^cKay, London, 23 April 1782

Dear Cousin,

I wrote you p^r the Betsy, Cap^t Boyd, also p^r Cap^t Dickie of the London by whom I have sent your watch, which I hope will come safe to hand. Having ventur'd to send it without insurance, if any accident happens, the loss will of course be mine, but I hope for the better, the amount of itself being but trifling tho' of greater consequence to me. I hope you will not neglect sending me an order for the amount by the return of the fleet. I shall expect it either by Cap^t Boyd or Cap^t Dickie.

I must beg of you for the future (if any further orders), as your situation or circumstances can better dispense with it than mine, to send orders or draughts for the advance & imediate paymt of the same, as verry inconsistent or hurtfull for me in the way of business, either to risque or give so long credit as is required to your part of the world. You may be assured & may depend on me for the strictest punctuality being observ'd in the execution of your orders to your satisfaction.

I have verry little to add at present having been verry particular in my former letters. I rec^d a letter yesterday from your father who mention all friends were well & in their ordinary. This comes by your brother in law, Mr Urquhart, to whom I refer you for further particulars. My mother & sisters are all well & desire to be remembered to you, and all other friends at Quebec.

Mr & Mrs Barnett desire their compliments to you, also Mrs Jones & her son. Her daughter Nancy, your favourite, is married.

Mrs Johnston & daughter & Mrs Madjam desire also w^t the above to be remembred to you, Cousin James & Aunt Jeanie.

I conclude wishing you a happy meeting w^t your brother in law, the bearer, and all happiness attend you in your situation and remain wishing good accounts from you is the earnest wish

Your affec^t cousin

Crafts Mackay

London the 25th April 1782

At N^o 112 Leadenhall Street