

**Addressed to:** Mr John Johnston, to the care of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Johnston & Purss, Merchants, Quebec

**From:** Mr Nicholas Omand, Stromness the 19<sup>th</sup> February, Rec<sup>d</sup> 25 August 1787

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Honour'd Sir,

I had the happiness of receiving yours dated 7<sup>th</sup> of August last which has given the greatest pleasure imaginable to read of your wellbeing and arrivall to so great proficientcy in the very best of spirituall and temporall education. As it is my earnest wishes & prayers that you may be reckoned in the number of GOD'S children who shall be for ever admiring, adoring & praising the one in three & 3 in one, Oh! That it may be your happiness & mine to live so here that we may be so happy as to see one another in celestiaall paradice where all tears shall be swept away & we shall spend an endless eternity in unspeakable joy.

I am vastly oblidgeed and am at a loss how to express my self to you for the warm expressions of your love to one & your good opinion of me may the LORD make me deserving thereof. For there are many which I have done much more for who have shewn me little regard, yea much hatred instead of love. I praise the allmighty GOD that at this present time I can through his assistance perfile my skolars to as great perfection as I have done hitherto. Yet at this present time our minister, Mr Falkener haveing brought a lad from his own place to teach his own children has 3 times over swept the whole town to sign for this lad & has left me only about a dozen of boys whose parents would not consent his proposall. I have had but a thin school for these 3 years past by reason of dear years, this being the 5<sup>th</sup>, & our minister compelling people in the town to sign for a lad one John More, also I have had but few navigators. But ever blessed be the Lord. I put my trust in his unbounded mercys & not in vain man who is nothing but a shadow.

Leaving you most excellent Sir to the protection of the Almighty God ever to bless, prosper, guide and direct you & make his face to shine upon you & grant you his peace here, conduct through the dark valley & safe landing into the new & heavenly Jeruslaem, all which is the earnest wishes & humble petitions

Most excellent Sir of

Your sincere most affectionate friend & very humble serv<sup>t</sup>

Nicholas Omand

P.S My wife remembers her humble complement, best good wishes & best respects to you. I begg to be respectfully remembered to your honoured Uncle & all other friends in Queback. I shall allways take it as an exquisite pleasure to hear of your happiness on all occasions & remains honour'd Sir

Yours as above

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