

**Addressed to:** Mr John Johnston to the care of Mr Joshua Johnston, Stromness, Orkney

**From:** Henry Taylor (*at school in Hoddesdon,*) rec<sup>d</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> March '89

Hoddesdon, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 1789

D<sup>r</sup> Brother,

Yours of 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> came safe to hand & gave me great satisfaction to find you had safely arrived in Orkney after your tedious passage, & I am glad to find Jenny likes her situation.

I cannot express how delighted I am to find Scott is at last detected, that he will meet with the punishment he deserves, & that it is likely the marriage will not take place. For nothing could give me more uneasiness than to be any ways connected with such a rascal.

I received a letter from our friends Johnston & Purss dated 6<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1788 wherein I am informed they intend to place me apprentice at a druggist's in London as they esteem it a profession that may best connect the business my brother John may in a few years be gratified to undertake, & that they have commissioned M<sup>r</sup> Brymer & M<sup>r</sup> Adam Lymburner to procure me a place but have not heard from M<sup>r</sup> Brymer concerning it yet. I have not seen John since he came down with you but I hope soon to have that pleasure as he promised me in his last letter.

Mr Hathaway has given up his school to Mr Bellinton & is gone to live at Hackney. Mr Jordan lives with him.

Pray give my duty to my Uncle & Aunt, Mr Geddes & Mr Halcro, & kind love to my sister & cousins, & accept the same from Dear Brother

Yours most sincerely

Henry Taylor