

**Addressed to:** *Only addressee shown on cover is 'Sir George Humphrey' but must be to M<sup>rs</sup> Johnson, Stromness, North Britain*

**From:** M<sup>rs</sup> Ann Taylor, Stonehouse near Plymouth, 29<sup>th</sup> June Rec<sup>d</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> July 1801

My Dearest Madam,

Your brother and self were much concerned at the intelligence your last gave us, of the truly uncomfortable situation you had so long been in, with the illness of your little family. I trust that this will find you all reinstated both in health and spirits. I forwarded your letter to my dear Taylor at sea and in his reply he observed that he thought your spirits very low and was anxious that I should write you and assure you of his affectionate solicitude for your comforts in every respect. He had expected ere this a letter from Mr Johnson and will be glad to hear from him whenever it is convenient.

Since I wrote last I have been under great apprehensions that the diamond would have been taken to the West Indies, a place to be dreaded. I think it has proved a grave to several thousand poor fellows this war, and many of our particular friends. However, thank God, Sir Robert Calder took them no further than the Canaries, and then dismissed them for England. It happened the time I was laid up in childbirth with my little girl. I am fearful she will be spoiled by her father bye the bye. She is called Ann Horatia, the latter name in compliments to the lady of Lord Hugh Seymour<sup>(1)</sup>.

Let me beg you will, my dear madam, write soon. If there is any thing this part of the country that I can procure or do for you, you will oblige me by saying so. I earnestly hope we may one day, not very distant, meet. I am hurried to conclude or I shall be too late, therefore shall only say I expect to hear soon. With comp<sup>ts</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Johnson and remembrances to the little ones,

I am truly and sincerely yours

Ann Taylor

Durnford Street  
Stonehouse near Plymouth  
Opposite Admiral Sir Thos Paisley Bar<sup>ks</sup>  
June 29<sup>th</sup> 1801

**Note:** (1) Lord Hugh Seymour, Vice Admiral & commander in chief of the fleet at Jamaica, died of yellow fever in Sept. 1801