

Addressed to: Mrs John Johnston, Stromness

From: Mrs Jas Johnston, Kilmarnock 18th December 1800, Recd 5th Jan^y 1801

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My Dear M^{rs} Johnston,

The last time I did meself the pleasure to write you it was from Quebec, which place I left on the twenty eight of August where all friends were then well, and have now to inform you of my saif arrival in Scotland in company with my brother John, his oldest daughter who is a very fine little girl of only six years of age and my dear little Nancy. My dear John I have left with our good friend M^r Purss. I have had the pleasure to receive several letters from him since my arrival here all which have afforded me the greatest pleasure and comfort. We had a very short passage of only seven and twenty days. Your cusin, my dear Nancy, made a very good sailor and I meself have received great benefit from the voyage with regard to my health. No doubt you will wonder that I have not wrote you sooner but the scene of troubles which I have gon through since my arrival here will I hope be a sufficient apology. Upon my arrival here I found my dear father no more whose loss I much regret and my beloved mother in a very weak state who you may be sure ocupied my whole time and attention. But thank God our presence has greatly revived her and she is now much better though still but very weak.

I shall be happy to have a few lines from you soon; you will please remember me kindly to M^{rs} Macky, to M^{rs} Urqhurt and their families and all other inquiring friends in Stromness. My dear Nancy joins me in best compliments to you and M^r Johnston, not forgetting your dear little ones. Hoping to hear from you soon believe me to be truly

Your affectionate aunt

Margaret Johnston