

Addressed to: M^{rs} John Johnston, Stromness

From: M^{rs} Ja^s Johnston, Quebec 8th Novem^r, rec^d 29th December 1791

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My dear M^{rs} Johnston

I received your favour of the 23rd July and was happy to learn that you and all ower friends in the Stromness were there in good health. I was not a little disappointed in not hearing from you last year. I hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you once a year at least. I give you joy of the increase you have had to your family and return you many thanks for your honouring me with your daughter's name. I take it for granted your last born is a son, for as yeat I have heard nothing of him, and that you are now amusing yourself with nursing the dear little fellow (?).

I have been unfortunat enuph to lose me last dear little boy thou I trust that my los was his great gain. It is hard for us to part with theas dear little blessings when once poseded of them. I am sorry to find by your letter that your husband's affairs are not so favourable as we could wish. Now, me dear, is the time for you to shew your good sense, fortitude and discracion. Avail yourself of this opertunity and I hope that in time every thing will turn out better than is at present expected.

As for news, I can write little. There are no mariges taken place as yett with anny of your old acwaintence. We have losed many heads of family of late by death in the Lower Town. Captan Watt, M^r Shulbred (?), M^r & M^{rs} Arvin, M^r Melvin, M^r Mils all which have happened within these two years. It is melancoly indeed.

Your Aunt Jean has lately been taped for the dropsy and is since much better. We spent a very agreeable sumer in the counetry this year but how short the summers are hear. Do you know we have been a driving about in ower cariols (?) already near two weeks ago.

John and Anne are well. Your uncle joyns me in compliments to you and Mr Johnston and I remain

Dear neice

Your affectionate aunt

Margaret Johnston