

Addressed to: Mr Joshua Johnston, Notary Public in Stromness, Orkney (part obscured)

From: Johnston & Purss, Quebec

Quebec 24th October 1783

Mr Joshua Johnston

Sir

Having wound up the affairs of your brother John's estate, we herewith transmit you aud^t curr^t balance in our hands £366..12..6½ Quebec currency three hundred and sixty six pounds 12/6½. Your daughter Catherine's two thirds amount being £219..19..6 Sterling two hundred and nineteen pounds 19/6 Sterling. Your brother James thinks advisable to keep in our hands allowing her six p^r cent p^r annum colony interest until we receive her own orders for the disposal thereof.

What monies belonging to the estate are in your hands or in the hands of Mrs Johnston, we doubt not you will amicably settle between yourselves, as we have no further knowledge of it than you mentioned to your brother last year.

To any troubles we have been at in settling the estate, your daughter Catherine is extremely welcome. We remain

Sir

Your friends & humble serv^{ts}

Johnston & Purss