

Addressed to: Mr Joshua Johnston, Stromness

From: Johnston & Purss, Quebec

Quebec 9th Novem^r 1787

Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure to learn by your much esteemed favour of 16th February last that your family and all friends in the Orknies then enjoyed one of the greatest blessings in life, good health. We have also the satisfaction to inform you that all your friends here at present, thank God, are well. Your Sister in Law much recovered from a sensible affliction she for some time felt from the loss of their young son, James, who was suddenly cut off after he was thought out of danger in the small pox for which he was inoculated, & had a heavy load, being as promising a boy as ever was born, & the first that M^{rs} Johnston was able to suckle, & then at the breast, no wonder that it occasioned her much concern.

We have desired M^r Brymer to remit you when in cash for us Fifty Pounds on your son's acco^t and twelve pounds for interest of your daughter's money.

Wishing you long continuance of good health & every earthly blessing, we remain sincerely

Dear Sir

Your friends & hble serv^{ts}

Johnston & Purss

Mr Joshua Johnston, Stromness