

Addressed to: Mr Joshua Johnston, Writer, Stromness,

From: Mrs Janet Johnston, Shapinsay, 1st Jan^{ry} 1784

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..... too great a disproportion of years betwixt them and in all accounts (?) it must be hurtfull to his friends whom I imagined he intended to have made the better of him, which might perhaps have tended as much to his happiness. My own state of health & the inclemency of the weather puts it intirely out of my power to travel at this season of the year & I am afraid I must see the summer before I can venture. My best wishes to you and family & wishing you & Mrs Johnston many happy new years. I am sincerely (?)

Your affec^t sister

Janet Johnston

Original address not clearly visible but note signed by Alfred Johnston: By holding this up to the light the original address may be seen;