Addressed to: Mr Jonston in Stromness,

From: Mrs Jnt Johnston, Shapinhsay, 23 March 1784

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Dear Jonston. I received your ..tter dated 11 of March this day. I have not heard from Mr Bremer. As for the money my brother leaft me, not a shilin my brother wil pay til such time he gets the las.. farthing comes over, but kepes up the hous for my sister & me. As for the hunder pound your brother is leaft me, if I get it I desir to get the rent of it whil I live & non cane bleam me. As for the hunder & fifty you have in your hand & you'l seckur that for Kitty, I wish it had been in my pour to assisted you or your daughter. I would don it with all my heart. Bleive me, deir ser, I canot command a guinay in the world & am in a little dept myself. If aney other person had sought the len of money from me, I should though it was marking me.

My sister jons me in complements yourself & all your family. Your affectonat sister in law J.Johnston