

**Letter from John Ogilvy, Balfour, to James Rattray, Craighall, 1674
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Blakstoune the [◇] of September 1674

Loving brother I have very often desired your Uncle Milvehall
to ask your sister whither she would restore my bonds or not, if I can
obtain no desire from her, I entreat ye may do me the favor to call
for any sight of some bonds that are amongst the rest, granted to me
by James Arbuthnot of Blackstone, and take an account of the
sums of money contained in them upon paper with the date of each
bond by itself, upon my word I know not what the sums are, nor at
what time I did receive them, & he & I being this week to close our
accounts I am resolved except my bonds be retired or an extract
of them by yourself, never to demand an groat of them since I have
nothing to instruct my debt but bear allegiance, it was not my intention
(when that Lady was pleased to separate herself from me, to have kept
such an distance with her, ~~unless~~ til I found my name to be odious yea
most ridiculous to her, which those ignominious calumnies now publicly
known to all,) doth well testify, but I wish the Lord Almighty forgive her
and so do I, and I appeal to her conscience how many abused singular testimonies
of my respect within these ten years hath she received; and with what
horrid cruelty and disdain she still rewarded me, which at last
did bring me almost to nought, as for her present carriage (Authorize
her who will) she hath given her reputation an indelible stain, & show
her from me that it were much more incumbent for her to ^be keeping home
clothed in sackcloth & ashes, bewailing the lamentable judgments that are
upon our miserable families then Dinah-like to be gadding abroad to
markets contracting unnecessary boardings but what prejudice she
can do me in my estate let her do it since it is come this length
I shall assist in the spending to the full; and ere it be long I
shall be where I shall ^not be much troubled with the shame of it (as I am at present,
she would not send me so many of my bed hangings as cover her poor infant's
nakedness, nor so many of their back clothes as cover them from the cold
but all do I undervalue for God will provide for them, if your affairs can
permit I desire ye will do me the favor to come the length of Patrick
Crokatt ^in Alyth on Monday that I may impart a little affair to you and you shall
be waited on by Sir, your affectionate brother and faithful servant

John Ogilvey

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I shall wait on you at Alyth til twelve or one o'clock
in the afternoon but I should wish you would come by ten
& if ye bring those bonds with you you do me an favor

These
for the Laird of Craighall
Younger