

**Letter from John Ogilvy, Balfour, to James Rattray, Craighall, 1677 April:  
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Dear brother

I am sorry that I could not wait on you this morning as I  
intended in regard I have taken an ulcer on the inner side  
of my thigh; & it is impossible for me to ride til it break  
however I shall wish the Lord to direct ye aright in this time  
of your affliction; & God willing if I should come on foot  
I shall see you on Thursday; if you think it fit; I think  
you may remove the bed out of the back chamber & appoint  
it only with two tables joined in length, for the noblemen &  
the best of the gentry, for in the hall you cannot set  
any covered table; I have sent you some things with the  
bearer, & the Laird of Ruthven; can give you four plates  
& trenchers; & let me know if ye will have any spoons  
I shall send an dozen & two silver cups, if you please  
pray ye be of good comfort, & cherish yourself  
& your good lady mother as much as ye can your sister is  
truly very ill every night since she come home  
& I am

Your faithful servant  
and brother John Ogilvy

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These  
for the Laird  
of Craighall

On the death of  
& funeral dinner