

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

Loving brother I have verrie often disyred  $\bar{y}r$  uncle Milvehall  
to ask  $\bar{y}r$  sister uhither she uould restore my bonds or not, if I can  
obtaine no disyre from her, I intreat ye may doe me the favore to call  
for ane sight of some bonds y<sup>t</sup> are amongst the rest, granted to me  
by James Arbuthnot of blakstoune, and take ane accompt of the  
soumes of  $m\bar{o}e$  contained in them upon peaper u<sup>t</sup> the daite of eache  
bond by it selfe, upon my uord I knou not uhat the soumes are, nor att  
uhat time I did receive them, & he & I being this ueike to close our  
accompts I am resolved except my bonds be retired or ane extract  
of them by  $\bar{y}r$  selfe, never to demand ane groat of them since I have  
nothing to instruct my debt but bear alegiance, it uas not my intentione  
(uhen that Lady uas pleased to seperat her selfe from me, to have kept  
such ane distance u<sup>t</sup> her, ~~unlesse~~ till I found my name to be odious yea  
most ridiculous to her, which those ignominious calunnies nou publickly  
knoune to all,) doeth uell testifie, but I uish the Lord almytie forgive her  
and so doe I, and I appeal to her conscience hou many abused singular testimo=  
nies of my respect uithin these ten years hath she received; and uith uhat  
horrid crueltie and disdaine she still reuarded me, uich att last  
did bring me almost to nought, as for her present carriage (Authorize  
her uho uill) she hath given her reputatione ane indelable staine, & shou  
her from me that it uere much more incumbent for her to <sup>^^be</sup> keeping home  
cloathed in sackloth & ashes, beuailing the lamentable judgments that are  
upon our miserable families then Dinalyk to be gading abrod to  
mercats contracting unnecessarie bourdings but uhat prejudice she  
can doe me in my estate lett her doe it since it is come this lenth  
I shall assist in the spending to the full; and ere it be long I  
shall be where I shall <sup>^^not</sup> be much troubled u<sup>t</sup> the shame of it (as I am att psent,  
she uould not send me so many of my bed hingings as cover her poore infants  
nakednesse, nor so many of ther bak clothes as cover them from the cold  
but all doe I undervalou for god uill provide for them, if your affairs can  
permitt I disyre ye uill doe me the favore to come the lenth of patt  
crocat <sup>^^in Alyt</sup> on moonday that I may imparte a littel affaire to you and you shall  
be uaited on by Sir, your affec.att brother and faithfull servant

Io: Ogilvey

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I shall uaitte on you att Alyt till tuelve or on acloke  
in the afternoone but I should uish yo uould come be ten  
& if ye bring those bonds u<sup>th</sup> you you doe me ane favore

These  
for the Laird of Craighall  
Younger