

**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