

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

I am sorie *that* I could not wait on you this morning as I  
intended in regard I have taken ane ulcer on *the* innerside  
of my thy; & it is impossible for me to ryd till it brake  
houever I shall wish the Lord to direct <sup>ye</sup> aright in this time  
of your afflictione; & goduilling if I should come on foot  
I shall see you on thoursday; if you think it fitt; I think  
you may remove the bed out of the bak chamber & appoy  
[n]t it only *with* tuo teables joynd in lenth, for the noblemen &  
the best of the gentrie, for in the hall you cannot sett  
any covered table; I have sent you somethings *with* the  
bearer, & the laird of Ruthens; can give <sup>you</sup> for pleats  
& trinshers; & lett me knou if ye uill have any spouns  
I shall send ane dizen & tuo silver coups, if you please  
pray ye be of good comfort, & chirrish your selfe  
& *your* good lady mother as much as ye can *your* sister is  
treuly verrie ill evry night since shee come home  
& I am

Your faithfull servant  
and brother *Iohn* Ogilvy

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These  
ffor the Laird  
of Craighall

On the death of  
& <sup>^funeral</sup> dinner