

Offer to let Mr Hay's house, 21 Jan 1808

External writing:

Doctor Adie

Jan 21 1808

Offering for the House

Addressed to:

James Hay Esquire [In John Adie's hand]

[Rest of address in a more careful hand]

Care of Mr Thomas Moir

9 Greenside Street

Edinburgh

Content of the letter:

Lerwick January 21st 1808

My Dear Sir

When last I had the pleasure of seeing you, you informed me of the probability of Nicol Sinclair's house becoming your property, and of its being at my service should that take place, provided we could agree about the terms that I should possess it on.

I have spoken to Mr William on the subject, but he informs me that he cannot set it until he hears from you.

There are several houses to be vacant at Whitsunday, viz Mr Scollay's, Mr Henry Ross's, Mr Grierson's, Mr Campbells, and I believe Mr John Hughson's. Most of the Landlords of them urging me very much to conclude an agreement with them, which I must very shortly do in the event of my not getting yours, which I wish very sincerely to have, notwithstanding the rent will be £10 or £16 at the valuation I put upon your house, than any of the houses I have mentioned.

My offer for the whole premises is 36£ sterling, You paying the inhabited house duty and I window tax duty, with permission to subset any part of it. I have no objection to take it for three years, provided a few drawers and other

trifling alterations is made in Nicol's Shop that was, and should I not leave this country at the expiry of that period, which is by no means probable, I engage to take your house for three or five years more at the same rent.

As perhaps you would wish the Sinclairs to retain their present proportion of these premises, I have no objection to their remaining if they pay me at the same rate that they've had there lately at viz 8£ Ster. per annum, or pay you and let the amount be deducted from my offer to you, and in either case the public entering door is not to be made use of in going to or from the cellar.

I mentioned thirty-six pounds as it is the utmost I would give for it. I would be glad to get it lower, but considering the sum you have paid for it and the repairs it may be in need of, I could not expect it, not yet think of offering you less.

I shall be glad to hear from you by return of packet of your acceptance of my offer; if not I must close with some go these who have already urged me to do so.....[damage to original]

With best respects in which Mrs A. And Miss Schaw beg leave to join

My Dear Sir

Yours most Oby

John Adie

[Subscription in another hand]

Feb 12th Let him the house exclusive of Mr Sinclair's shop above the Street from Whitsunday [15 May] 1808 for £28 p annum - or with the Kitchen[?] for £30 p annum He to pay all taxes - and He had the shop to Whitsunday 1808 4 months at the rate of six points - £2

Letter to Mary Ann 22 Feb 1819

Postmarked Leith 24 Jan 1819

Address

Mrs Adie

Shetland

Content of letter

Saltoun Inn

Fraserburgh

5pm Friday 22 January 1819

My ever dearest Mary Ann

We by kind fortune got here this forenoon and lucky it was we did so for a very few hours after we came in we were saluted by a very severe passing gale - judging, my darling that you would be exceptionally uneasy on my account from the very unfavourable weather and contrary winds that have prevailed since my departure from Shetland I thought it best to take the first moment to let you know of my getting thus far safe and in tolerable health as perhaps ere we may get to Leith now it is possible the Coldstream may have sailed - and had no news been heard of us doubtless we would have been given up for lost, however my love should we get to Leith previous to that vessels leaving it I shall again write you. My spirits are you may be sure not at the highest in a strange place with only a few shillings and no one to advance me a farthing. I look forward my love, however, with hope for better days, when it may graciously please the Lord out of his infinite mercy and goodness to such an unworthy sinner as I am, as to permit me once more in happiness and worldly content to embrace you and my darling children.

I hope you have been able to get the man for James's boat from Culswick, and I would wish you to secure the whole by arls. The skipper has sufficient arls - he got two pounds sterling J.... And Mitchell each have got sixpence arls. Should any person come to arrest, dare them at their peril to touch an article, as you can instruct that nothing belongs to me, but to Mitchell the children by Mrs Gifford and Mr Gifford, and James by his own cash from the Lottery Ticket four years ago - but I shall write you more fully if the Lord spares me to see Leith.

I got Mr Grierson to sign an affidavit in your name, stating you are between thirty and forty, to the best of your knowledge and belief, which I am in hopes will answer in place of the proper register, as I am determined, should I not have a farthing after, to ensure to you and my children every

benefit from the surgeon's society possible, for should the lord be pleased out of his will to take me from you, I will have at least the happiness of dying with the fact that I have done all in my power to remunerate your goodness and love to me by leaving you and my children in as comfortable circumstances as my station in life would admit, but I trust t we will yet meet, and the so.... to secure that our expenses and living must be most penurious, at least until all debts are cleared, and any article that can with any advantage be converted into money, must be done. I hope that you are well and Jessy , As also my sweet children. Accept of my love in the truest feelings of the heart to you, my children and Jessy, and believe me to be, with never ceasing affection, your found husband

John Adie

Remember me to my servants and neighbours

Letter to Wm Hay 21 May 1820

[On exterior of document:]

Order

Doctor Adie

21 May 1820

for sundries

[Address is:]

Wm Hay Esquire

Lerwick

[In John Adie's handwriting, exterior:]

Please send 2 wooden cased Boats Compasses JA

[Text of letter:]

Stapness May 21st 1820

Dear Sir

Having entered my Son as Fish Curer myself agent I should be glad to know if you have any vessel coming to Vaila Sound with Salt and would be glad if you could grant a Supply of from 50 to 100 Bushels of Salt. If you are a purchaser or my esteemed friend Mr Ogilvy what you would give for Ling, Cod and Tusk per Cwt and oil per Barrel and as you are I understand an exporter of Cattle what is the highest price you would give for Cattle at a given age keep appearance out of the question as they are all very lean just now. Stots none are to be got, Queys are scarce from the great demands but also for a good price to what they have been before I shall furnish you with what I have or can procure by my own endeavours to sell you and shall keep them for you a while on pasture if necessary but as I am poor you will have to supply me with the value when I charge you for them which will not you may be sure be very long after I obtain them. Please send per Barer a shoulder dredge for bait with five toes 2 inches betwixt each toe with long hose and several holes for fixing on a pretty stout handle the circumference of a six-oared boats yard at the small end also small twist tobacco, Snuff, 2 Towlines for codlings 1oz stout horsehair (white) half a dozen each size cod hooks (steel) and oblige in haste

Yours most oby

John Adie

John Adie's Will, 29 October 1833

In the name of God, Amen - I, John Adie, Surgeon in the Royal Navy, finding my bodily health and strength becoming impaired in consequence of diseased action of my System excited by fatigue of Body and Mind, from want of rest, and anxiety in the performance of my professional duty and which I feel is becoming still more so through the very base and most

malignant insinuations of sanguinary and diabolical malice invented and published by some Hell-hound of an Enemy or Enemies for the evident purpose, if possible, of for ever destroying my heretofore untainted Medical Reputation for assiduity of attention tenderness of care and sympathy of affection, which has been co-existant for ever with my nature, and manifested by my conduct to all and Sundry, High and low, Rich and poor, who favoured my humble pretensions or regarded by Medical Skill, which I hereby declare before God, and before whom I must shortly appear to receive it! judgement for deeds done in the body, I have ever duly applied to the best of my Knowledge as the case demanded or circumstances required when permitted the due administration of such medical applications as I myself considered most requisite or appropriate or efficient in the affording present relief, and under God a proper re-establishment of health by the best devised means of care my professional capacities were capable of, and consequently feel myself in consciousness of mind as having always acted up and according to the intentions for which as a Medical Friend, adviser, or practitioner, I have been employed. Under such knowledge of conduct and intention 'tis no wonder the tenement of my afflicted spirit should become broken hearted or so overburdened with excitation of injured feelings from the deadly blow of baseness levelled against it in such depravity of Christian and Moral principle, that it must eventually sink under it, and now under these impressions and from considerations of Sound Mind and Memory me hereunto moving, Do hereby in the first and foremost place, Beseech the Lord God Almighty Eternal Father of all Mercy, Lord God and ever blessed Saviour the Eternal Son and Lord God most Holy the Eternal Spirit Three persons and one God the only and Eternal Godhead I adore will when He is pleased to call me hence be most graciously vouchsafing from His Infinite Goodness and Mercy which endureth for ever and for the sake of his beloved Son Jesus Christ to receive the Soul of so wretched a Sinner in Mercy for Ever.

2nd. When my decease takes place - It is my particular request that my Body (should I die at Voe) be buried alongside the remains of my beloved daughter Amelia Mary Ann and that there shall be no expenditure of Money in things

altogether unnecessary which will be much better appropriated for real wants of the living than in wasteful superfluity of senseless decoration on the Body of corruption. Therefore I will that there shall be no shrouding or prideful finery put around or above my carcase in the name of Dead Linens, but simply for decency a clean old shirt, and certainly such a Sinner as myself's remains requires not a better when the Body of the Saviour of Mankind was only wrapped in Linen. My coffin I will to be made of the cheapest wood and to be made by any of the cheapest and nearest Carpenters in Olnafirth without any covering Cloth, plate, or ornament whatever. The wood may be blacked if insisted on, but I would rather that it was without, and made from the Saw, and nailed together even without a plane being laid on it. I desire no pall. It is my earnest desire that my much respected and Kind Friend Arthur Gifford Esquire of Busta be requested to witness the remains of the friend that loved him and his, consigned to the Grave, and that only two or three more Gentlemen be invited to the funeral, more for the sake of paying respect to him, than to the dust that feels it not - which, with half a dozen of the most respectable tenants in the neighbourhood should comprise all the company needful, if more, 'twill be an annoyance and trouble to the family, and the additional expense take from those I leave behind, who will so much stand in need.

3rd. I will that as speedily after interment of my Body as possibly convenience will permit, that my Sons arrange and settle all worldly transactions that had been entered upon or engaged in by me and that they collect all debts due or owing, and pay off all lawful charges or debts against me, granting receipts and discharges for the same.

4th. I will that after settlement of my affairs that such funds as shall be found remaining shall be invested in such hands and such manner as my Sons with the consent and approbation of my Widow their Mother, shall judge most secure and beneficial for the sole behoof of my unmarried daughter and to remain accumulating for their interest untouched, aye and until their Mother's decease, in the full understanding that she affords them protection, food, and raiment, etc., until that event takes place, which she abundantly can

do (as they have been heretofore) from the proceeds of her pension as my Widow, and from the annuities to which she is legally entitled as my Widow to receive from the Naval Surgeon's Supplemental Fund - The Morton Lodge Masonic Widow's Fund, and the Lerwick Trades Society Fund, Insurances of all being duly legalized through my regular payments in security - and it is also to be understood that such of my Daughters as become married before their Mother's decease and afforded protection, food and raiment, that daughter's interest, benefit right, or supposed right, shall be forfeited and be forthwith added to, and become a part of, the principal to be continued in provision for such Daughter or Daughters as remain unmarried, and in like manner if any of them dies, the latest unmarried or latest survivor shall enjoy the whole.

5th. That, if after the decease of my Widow, my unmarried Daughters are afforded protection, food, and raiment, etc., by any of their Brothers, Brothers-in-Law, or married Sisters, or have of themselves, in the judgement of my Executors, a suitable provision the aforementioned funds shall continue untouched in like manner, and under the same conditions and restrictions as herein stated.

6th. I recommend to the care and protection of my dearly beloved Sons James and Thomas, their brother Arthur, whose third share of their business and Company concerns, he possesses Capital and Interest in, having been advanced by me, and granted them for the due management of his share therein, until he come of Age, to manage for himself; their board and lodging during my lifetime or residence in Voe, free of all charge. I also recommend to their care and protection, their Sisters, and trust that they will act the part of loving Brothers towards them.

6th. My Stock of Cattle, Horses and Sheep, farm stock, household goods, chattels, furniture and gear, I give and bequeath unto my unmarried Daughters, together with all and sundry every thing of real and personal property I may die possessed of, to be appropriated for their interest and benefit according as shall appear best for their behoof by the consent of my

Sons and approbation of their Mother.

7th. I leave the distribution of my watches, trinkets and jewels, to my Widow, who will act according to my known intentions on that head.

8th. I herewith appoint my Sons joint Executors of this my last will and testament under the unqualified superintendence and direction (as long as she lives) of my dearly beloved Wife Mary Ann Westal, who as the Mother of my children will, I am conscious display an equal regard for all concerned.

9th. I hereby revoke all former deeds, testaments or wills here before made, and appoint this in lieu of all others before made to be my last Will and Testament, signed, sealed and delivered in presence of and Witnessed by my Sons and read by them and approved and attested by their Witnessing signatures - done this 29th. day of October in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three - 1833

John Adie

James Mitchell Adie Witness

Thomas Mountford Adie Witness

Copy made by James Greig N.P.

Sale of Edinburgh property

Missive of Sale 24 Aug 1833

To:

John Adie Esq
Surgeon
Voe, Delting
Shetland

External writings:

9 & 10 South
Missive of Sale
John Adie

Disp'n to Mr Crombie 21 Oct

Handwritten letter on second page:

Dear Sir

Although I had your authority to offer the property belonging to you in Gosfords Close at £410 and although the Commissioners of Improvements seem now willing to pay that sum as you will see from the annexed state and letter bearing interest at 4 per cent from Whitsunday 1832 yet to prevent the possibility of any mistake I wish that you would subscribe the annexed at the cross shewing that you approve of the bargain , and you may add after your signature "approved" and return the whole addressed to me,

I am dear sir

Yours truly

And. Crombie

Part printed part written document on first page:

Mr James Bridges, Writer to the Signet
Clerk to the Commissioners for City Improvements
Sir,

I Andrew Crombie, Solicitor in Edinburgh hereby offer to sell to you the property in Gosfords Close Edinburgh, being part of Nos 9 and 10 of the Commissioners Survey South Approaches belonging to Mr John Adie, Surgeon in Shetland, the former being a low place or cellar lying at the foot of the turnpike stair (entered in the Commissioners valuation under the name of D. Home Buchan) and the latter being the 5th floor and garrets of the corner land at Libbertons wynd and lawnmarket for the sum of one hundred and forty pounds sterling.

Your entry thereto to be at, and the price to bear interest at four per cent from Whitsunday eighteen hundred and thirty two. It is understood that you are to make the most favourable arrangement you can for a search of incumbrances, including, if possible, more than this property; and I agree to pay a proportion of the expense thereof, corresponding to the price of the property. A complete title is to be given; and it is understood, as to burgess subjects, that either he shall produce an infetment in his person, or that on your accepting from him, an assignation to an unexecuted procuratory in lieu thereof, he shall pay you on that account, the sum of two pounds eighteen shillings and six pence sterling: in witness whereof, these presents, written, so far as not printed, by John Clark, your clerk are subscribed by me at Edinburgh the

And. Crombie

John Adie approved

Inventory of Title Deeds 1834

External writing:

Copy

Not 9 & 10 South Survey

Inventory
Of
The Title Deeds of Subjects sold
By
John Adie
To
The Impt Commissioners
1834
Compd

Text:

Inventory of the title deeds of the subjects in Libberton's Wynd being part of Nos 9 and 10 of survey of property in the line of the new south approaches belonging to the Edinburgh Improvements Commissioners, sold by John Adie, residing at Voe, Delting, Shetland to James Bridges WS Clerk to the said Commissioners, conform to disposition dates.

1. Decree of adjudication and abbreviate thereof, at the instance of Jean Home, third lawful daughter of the deceased George Home of Kello, Town Clerk of Edinburgh, for herself and as assignee of Janet, her younger sister against David Home, Writer in Edinburgh, eldest son of the said deceased George Home and as lawfully charged to enter heir in special to his said father of inter alia, all and whole that high tenement or dwelling house, comprehending a hall, kitchen, and gallery, with the two high chambers or garrets, and a cellar below, lying at the foot of the turnpike near the head of the street called Libberton Wynd in the burgh of Edinburgh, which tenement is the uppermost house of the said turnpike, and is bounded in manner herein mentioned, dated 6 December 1744 abbreviated recorded 16 January 1745, office MMF

2. Instrument of sasine following thereon own inter alia the aforesaid subjects in favour of the said Jean Home dated 3 April 1745 and recorded in the protocol of Joseph Williamson, one of the city clerks of Edinburgh, the same day.

3. Decree of adjudication and abbreviate thereof the said Jean and Janet Homes as executors of John Home, youngest son of said George Home, their

brother, against Peter Campbell Home eldest son of the said David Home as lawfully charged to enter heir in general and special to the said deceased George Home, his grandfather of all and whole inter alia the aforesaid subjects and others stated, the said adjudication 29th January and recorded in the register abbreviates of adjudication 25 March 1766.

4. Extract registered disposition and assignation by the said Jean Home therein designed spouse of the honourable John Stewart, brother of the Earl of Moray with the consent of the said John Stewart, her husband, in favour of the said Janet Home of the subjects contained in the different adjudication above mentioned, and various other subjects together with the said adjudications themselves and hail titles of the aforesaid subjects and which disposition contains a pro-record in the Burgh Court Books of Edinburgh 13 November 1766.

5. Instrument of cognition and sasine in favour of John Adie, Surgeon in the Royal Navy, residing in Voe, Delting, Shetland, as nearest and lawful heir to the said deceased Jean Home, his great-grand aunt in all and whole the aforesaid subjects and others dated 14 January 1828, and recorded in the Register of Sasines kept for the City of Edinburgh, the same day.

6. Retour of the General Service of the said John Adie as heir to the said Janet Home, his great grand aunt, expedite before the Baillies of Edinburgh 28 July 1834 and duly retoured to chancery.

What is contained on this and the two preceding pages written by Alexander Doull, clerk to James Bridges, W.S. Is the inventory of the title deeds of the aforesaid subjects referred to in the disposition hereof by the said John Adie to the said James Bridges, dated 26 September 1834, In witness hereof

John Adie

Gilbert Anderson, witness

Thomas Adie, witness

Disposition 1834

External writing:

Copy

Not 9 & 10 South Survey

Disposition

By

John Adie

To

The Improvement Commissioners

1834

Compd JM

Text:

I, John Adie, Surgeon, residing at Voe, Delting, Shetland, heritable proprietor of the subjects and others after disposed, and also the heir of Janet Home youngest daughter of the deceased George Home, my great-grand-aunt, conform to general services in my favour, before the magistrates of Edinburgh, dated 28 July last, 1830 from and duly retired to chancery. In consideration of the sum of one hundred and forty pounds sterling, with interest thereof at the rate of four per cent from the term of whitsunday 1832 to the date of delivery hereof, instantly advanced and paid to me by James Bridges WS, clerk to the Commissioners under the acts of parliament seventh and eighth George the fourth, chapter seventy six, entitled "An act for carrying into effect certain improvements within the City of Edinburgh, and adjacent to the same", and first and second William the fourth, chapter forty five, being an act to alter and amend the aforesaid act; of which sum I hereby acknowledge the receipt, renouncing all exceptions to the contrary and discharge the said Commissioners and James Bridges as Clerk aforesaid and their and his successors in office forever, have sold and disposed as I hereby sell, alienate and dispose from me, my heirs and successors to and in favour of the said James Bridges as clerk foresaid and to his successors in office and their assignees whatsoever heritably and irredeemably all and whole that high tenement or dwelling house, comprehending a hall, kitchen, and gallery with

two high chambers or garrets and a cellar below, lying at the foot of the turnpike near the head of street called Libberton's Wynd in the Burgh of Edinburgh, which cellar is situated on the North side of the small court leading from Gosford's Close to the said tenement as the same was for many years possessed by James Hardie, journeyman printer, now deceased, and thereafter by James Hardie, also journeyman printer, his son, which tenement is the uppermost house of the said turnpike, above a dwelling house formerly possessed by John Straiton, merchant, and hereafter by [blank space] between the tenement of the heirs of John Oliphant, merchant in Edinburgh, upon the North, the tenement formerly of Mr John Sharp, advocate, afterwards of the deceased James Hannay, apothecary, and anciently possessed by Richard Guthrie, writer, and others, upon the South, the tenement formerly of the deceased James Allison, merchant in Edinburgh, and afterwards of Samuel Durham, upon the West, and the public Wynd or Close upon the East, and wherein the said deceased Jean Home or Pringle or Stewart, stood infeft and siesed, conform to instrument of sasine in her favour under the hand of umquhile Mr Joseph Williamson, notary public and recorded third April 1745, and in the other writs and titles thereof; which subjects are a part of numbers nine and ten of the said Commissioners Survey of property in the line of their new South Approach, together with all right, title and interest, claim of right property and possession helitory or possession which I, my predecessors and authors, or heirs and successors had, have or any wise may have, claim or pretend thereto in the coming, in which subjects and others with the pertinents above disposed, I bind and oblige me, my heirs, preceptors, and successors to infeft and siese the said James Bridges as clerk foresaid and his foresaids upon their own proper charges and expenses and that by registration in manner underwritten to be holden of His Majesty in free lungage for service of burgh used and street and for effectuating the said infeftment, I hereby make and constitute [blank space] and each of them jointly and severally my lawful and irrevocable procurators to the effect underwritten, giving, granting and committing them my full warrant and commission for me and in my name to compeer before the Lord Advocate or any one of the bailies of Edinburgh for the time being and there with all due reverence and humility as becometh

purely and simply by staff and baton as use is to resign as I hereby resign, surrender, up give, aversive, and simpliciter deliver all and whole the aforesaid subjects and others with pertinents before described and here held as repeated brevitatis causa : together with all right title and interest claim of right property, possession, petition or possessor, which I or my predecessors or authors or heirs and successors had, have or anywise may have claim or pretend thereto in all time coming in the hands of the said Lord Provost or any one of the Baillies of Edinburgh for the time being as in the hands of His Majesty immediate lawful superior thereof in favour and for new infeftment of the same to be made, given and granted to the said James Bridges as clerk foresaid and his foresaids heritably and irredeemably in due and competent form as effects, acts, instruments and documents in the premises to do which I could have done myself if personally present or which to the office of procurator in such cases is known to belong : ratifying hereby and confirming whatever my said procurators shall lawfully do or cause to be done in the premises in virtue hereof; which subjects and others above disposed and their pertinents with this disposition thereof and infeftment to follow hereon, I bind and oblige myself and my foresaids to warrant to the same James Bridges as clerk foresaid and his foresaids, at all hands and against all mortals as law will; and also to free and relieve him and his foresaids of all less annuity ground annual and other public and parochial burdens affecting the said subjects and others as at and preceding the said term of Whitsunday 1832, which is hereby declared to have been the term of the said James Bridges as clerk aforesaid and his foresaids, their entry to the premises notwithstanding the date thereof. The said James Bridges as clerk foresaid, and his foresaids being bound to free and relieve me and my foresaids thereof in all time coming hereafter; moreover, I hereby make and constitute the said James Bridges as clerk foresaid and his foresaids my cessioners and assignees not only in and to the whole writ titles and securities of the said subjects and others made and granted in favour of me and my predecessors and authors and whole clauses therein contained with all that has followed or may be competent to follow thereon forever and specially without prejudice to the foresaid generality and to a disposition of the foresaid subjects and others dated eighteenth October and recorded in the Burgh Court books of

Edinburgh thirteenth November 1766 made and granted by Jean Home, third daughter of the said George Home and therein designed spouse of the honourable John Stewart, brother of the Earl of Moray to and in favour of the said Janet Home with the procuratory of resignation therein contained still unexecuted: and the said retour of my general services as heir in general to the said Janet Home to the end that in virtue thereof and of those presents or the procuratory of registration above inserted or one or other or both of the said procuratories of registration the said James Bridges as clerk foresaid and his foresaids may be the more readily infeft and siesed in the premises, but also in and to the rents mails and duties of the said subjects and others due and payable for and furth thereof from the said term of Whitsunday 1832, and in all time coming thereafter; surrogating hereby and substituting the said James Bridges as clerk foresaid and his foresaids in my full right and place of the premises forever: which assignation above written I bind and oblige myself, and my heirs and successors to warrant as follows, viz; in as far as concerns the writs and evidents at all hands and against all mortals, and in so far as concerns the rents, mails and duties from my own proper facts and deeds only; and I have herewith delivered up to the said James Bridges as clerk foresaid and his foresaids, the title deeds of the said subjects and others, conform to inventory thereof subscribed by me of even date herewith; and I consent to the registration hereof in the books of Council and Session or others competent therein to retain for preservation, and that letters of horning on six days charge and all other execution necessary may pass on a decree to be interponed hereto in common form; and for that purpose I constitute

By procuratory, and in witness hereof

John Adie

Gilbert Anderson (witness)

Thomas Adie (witness)

Letter to Robina Hunter Aug 1837

Miss Robina Adie
Lerwick

7 Gardner's Crescent
Edinburgh
15 August 1837

My Dearly Beloved Robina

Your dear Mother has acquainted me of your frequent enquiries after your fond father, who rejoices that his dearest child remembers him with affectionate kindness. Bless thee my ever beloved darling and send we may meet in happiness is the prayer of your fond loving parent

John Adie

Kiss thy dear Mother Sisters and Brothers for thy poor father JA

Increase of insurance premium 11 July 1839

Admiralty
11th July 1839

Sir

I herewith inclose for your information the Copy of a Resolution passed at an especial Meeting of the Directors of the Naval Medical Supplemental Fund held on the 25th June last, and have to acquaint you that in pursuance thereof, the Premium to be hereafter paid by you as an Insured Member of the Fund, will be at the Rate of two-thirds of the amount of the original Tables instead of one-third, or in other words double the amount which you now pay.

I am,
Sir,
Your most humble Servt
John Bynon
Secy

My John Adie

Letter to Mary Ann 9 February 1840

[No postmark or indication of how the letter was sent.]

Mrs Mary Ann Adie
Voe of Delting
Lerwick

Edinburgh
9 February 1840[?]

My dear Mary Ann

Your letter of the 6 January I have only now received per last mail and I rejoice to think though we have had many separations[?] and difficulties to encounter yet the remembrance of the past whence happiness and pleasure and comfort seemed to flow though winds & the surges of the tempestuous ocean and still dear to your recollections they are and have often been and will ever continue to be dear to mine. But circumstances have so conspired as to disunite us here though possibly in part through our mistaken ...le of conduct toward each other and towards our children in not substantiating the proper deferential regards wh.re they ought to have been most respectfully and more filially remembered. If these had been possibly more attended to we might not have had the cause of contrasting the present with the past - yet

malignant hearts have had their share in the aggravation of our woes in age and I shall not attempt to hold myself guiltless of adding thereto by my own want of due consideration in observation and conduct in the ways that are aright[?] agreeably to the example set before me in the most sacred Scripture.

I have never had or wish to act unkindly by any one and certainly much less so by you my p.....ry and the first true object of my youthful love and the fond mother of my beloved children - yes my Mary I am sensible of your love for your children and mine and I also pray that the Lord may very long spare you to be a guardian and a guide to them and may we all meet as family in heaven - I am fast falling off in my flesh and strength - may the god of all consolation be our saviour in time &[?] eternity

I hope m....will will soon get better of her Sprain try opadeldoc[?], anodyne[?] or soy[?] Liniment why does Robina not write copies - I am always happy to hear of your welfare and of your letters which when occasion allows I shall always endeavour to answer direct or indirect through yours with affection[?] John Adie

Request for Banns for Joanna Adie 9 August 1840

South Bank House
Auchendinny, by Penicuik
9 August 1840

Sir,

You will oblige by public proclamation three times tomorrow at our parish kirk of Lasswade, the purpose of marriage between my daughter Joanna Adie and Richard Bell, solicitor-at-law, Bowchurch Yard, London.

I send you enclosed a pound note as fee for your trouble. Certificate of due performance of which you will be pleased to forward immediately afterwards per post to

Yours respectfully
John Adie

To
Mr Young
Session Clerk
Parish of Lasswade

Certificate of Banns 1 September 1840

At Lasswade 7 September 1840

It is hereby certified that Richard Bell solicitor-at-law, Bowchurch Yard, London, and Joanna Adie, in this parish, have been regularly proclaimed in order to marriage in the church of Lasswade, and no objections have been offered.

Signed Wm Young, Session Clerk

Sir, Be so good as send me notice when and by whom the parties were married, and I will enter in the register. I hereby wish to remind you that this is necessary.

I am, Sir,
Yours respectfully,
Wm Young

John Adie
South Bank House
Auchendinny, by Pennycuick

Arthur Gifford Adie epitaph 1840

VERSION 1

To the memory

Of
Arthur Gifford Adie
Son of John Adie, Surgeon R.N.
Who died at South Bank House
30th of Octr 1840
Aged
12 years Six months & 6 days

Eternal Father of whate'er exists
Who deign'st in Love t'extend thy Mercy here,
Sublimed from frailty's gross and darkling mists,
Receive his Soul into thy blissful Sphere.

VERSION 2

Here sleep the mortal remains
Of
Arthur Gifford
Dearly beloved son of John Adie
Surgeon R.N. Born 24th Jany 1828
Died 30th of October 1840
Aged
12 years Six months & 6 days

Eternal Father of whate'er exists
Who deign'st in love t'extend thy mercy here,
Sublim'd from earthly dross and darksome mists,
Receive his Soul into thy blissful sphere.

Letter to TMA from JA 20 November 1840

South Bank House

Penicuik

20 November 1840

My dear Thomas

The accounts of the demise of our beloved Arthur, my late darling son, you will have received some time ere now and communicated in an affectionate and becoming manner the afflicting intelligence to his distressed dear mother whose bereavement with that of ours the other members of family will be long and severely felt it will indeed be so most especially by myself, for I was sensible he truly loved as an affectionate and kind-hearted son he was I might say all I had left of my name in the world he was the only child as it were that paid the deferential love to me as a father for he was ever with me in fact my only honoured companion who never had any desire to leave me or forsake me, for though oft he had experienced the chastening rod at my hand the moment almost the punishment was over for any trespass or neglect of study that he had been guilty of, he would endeavour by every filial love of conciliation to atone as far as in him lay, for his errors which in spite of his seeming want of capacity or rather of application never lessened in the slightest degree the love for his loving father or his natural goodness of heart and obliging disposition, the fascination of which not only endeared him to others but made him doubly so to me. He was a lovely boy, and spirited, and my very soul and being was in fact wound up in him, for in him I viewed all my family, and as the only remnant the Lord had out of his mercy vouchsafed to leave unto me. But he was his own, he was but lent to me for a season, therefore cannot say what dost thou?

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

But though I am now left as it were in a disconsolate and desolate condition, I give thanks unto God for his tender mercies unto my child whom he hath taken unto himself and placed him, though the offspring of a wretched sinner, when at the last day his Saviour come ye blessed of my father and enjoy the kingdom prepared for you from before the beginning of the world - let us and dear Mother return thanks unto the Lord and pray devotedly that we may also be found as acceptable in his sight, alas I might

say but for yourself from whom I have received more deferential token of filial regard in some instances than from others, I might say there is none that feels any interest in me - indeed I am even written to in such a strain by a child as is acknowledged by that child that they ought doubtless not to have done and says can scarcely expect me to write again - their letter was possibly written at the very hour and moment (as it was dated 30th Oct) that the Lord was making me more desolate and depriving them of a brother, and who will also, according to the order of nature attenuated by grief and bodily infirmities, very shortly taken from them also a father, whatever his errors may have been, who loved his family dearer than life yea even dearer than his own soul, who in the storm and in the midnight darkness has periled his life numberless times to render his home more agreeable, to make his family more comfortable, more independent as I love my family fondly and affectionally every member thereof severally and conjointly I shall upbraid none of them for their remissness of duty or accuse them of their many delinquencies to myself or others their honesty or dishonesty, their gratitude or ingratitude, their truths or falsehoods, their righteousness or unrighteousness, their respect or contumely their religion or their hypocrisy for even in mine now home they were held as it were estranged from me - the moment a meal was swallowed I would be left alone when at home and not infrequently my family assembled in convivial enjoyment in a separate apartment above when I was never invited or asked to participate as the father, as the husband, as the provider - I felt though I scorned to show it or be guilty of upbraidings. My heart will ever be found in its right place - I forgive as I hope for forgiveness, and while I live will as well I can for the good of mother and child - but let them ??? not the vengeance of foes ???

Postscript

Things have come heavy and as I have not wherewithal could you accommodate with from £30 to £40 till 7th July, when it will be returned with interest in full and gain you possibly help to much greater ??? should you need or require. Love to all, your fond father, John Adie

Letter to TMA from JA 22 Jan 1845

Only the signature is in John Adie's hand, the rest of the letter being in another more legible hand - probably that of Helen Joanna Hunter or Bruce, his partner at the time.

South Bank House
Pennicuik
22 January 1845

My dearest Thomas,

For reasons best known to myself and as a loving parent fully understood, I presume, by you, and now being, I believe, on the bed of truth, in order to prevent unnecessary litigation on my decease, I consider it my parental duty to give and make over all my property and interests therein of which I die possessed of, to my dearly beloved infant son born on the fifth day of October 1844, of the body of Helen Johanna Bruce alias Hunter, and whose name at the request of his dearly beloved mother is on baptism to be called Lawrence Bruce and should unhappily the dearest boy die before his mother, I constitute her his heir -

Wishing you and yours all happiness

I am, my dearest Thomas,

Your affectionate father

John Adie

Address:

Mr Thomas M Adie
Voe of Delting
Lerwick
Shetland

JA Testament Dative 1850

Testament Dative

Umquhile

John Adie

The Testament Dative and Inventory of the Debts and Sums of Money which were addebted, resting owing to Umquhile John Adie Surgeon residing sometime in Lerwick and latterly in or near Penicuick in the County of Edinburgh at the time of his decease, who died there upon the twenty ninth day of January Eighteen hundred and forty five made and given up by Thomas Montford Adie Merchant Voe of Delting Shetland one of the Children of the Defunct, and only Executor Dative qua nearest in kin decreed to him, and that by Decreet of the Commissary of Edinburgh, as the same, dated the twentieth day of January eighteen hundred and forty seven in itself bears.

Follows the Inventory

The said Umquhile John Adie had pertaining and belonging, addebted, resting owing to him, at the time of his decease foresaid

1	Body clothes Books &c of value of about but not more than	£5-0-0
2	Cash in the Commercial Bank of Scotland (head office) on account	£41-3-5
3	Interest on do to date of death	£0-6-3
		£46-9-8

Summa of the Inventory forty six pounds nine shillings and eightpence.

I John Thomas Gordon, Esquire, Commissary of Edinburgh, specially constituted for Confirmation of Testaments, understanding that after due summoning and lawful warning, made by public form of Edict, openly as effeirs, of the Executors Testamentars, &c of Umqhuile John Adie the Defunct before designed, and all others having or pretending to have interest in the said matter, all to have compared before me or my Depute judicially upon a certain day now bygone, in the House of Cause, with continuation of days; That is to say, to have heard and scene Executors Dative decerned, given in, admitted and confirmed to the said Defunct, and in and to all and sundry his Goods Gear and Others, or else to have alleged, &c, with certification, as effeirs, I Decerned therein, as my Decreet, of the date foresaid, given thereanent bears; conform whereunto I, in Her Majesty's name and authority, Make, Constitute and Ordain and Confirm the said Thomas Montford Adie, only Executor Dative, qua nearest in kin to the Defunct, and in and to the Debts and Sums of Money beforewritten, herein give up and confirmed allenarly, with full power to him to uplift and receive the same; grant discharges thereof; if needful, to pursue therefore, and generally every other thing thereanent to do, that to the office of Executor Dative, qua nearest in kin, is known to belong: Providing always he render just count and reckoning of his intromissions therewith, when and where the same shall be legally required. Whereupon, and that the Debts and Sums of Money beforewritten shall be made free and furthcoming to all parties having interest therein, as the law will, Robert Clark Mackay Clerk to Messrs Young Merchants Candlemakers Row Edinburgh became Cautioner; as an Act made thereanent bears.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Commissariat of Edinburgh, and signed by the Clerk of Court, at Edinburgh, the Sixteenth day of April Eighteen Hundred and Fifty.