

all friends with you & am with best
respects to my fair Aunt - Dear
friends yours most sincerely
M^{rs} Geddes desires her good wishes

M^{rs} David Geddes ^{John Geddes} ^{John Geddes} ^{James}
^{John Geddes} ^{John Geddes}
Quebec 2^d June 1785

Dear friend We had the pleasure to receive
15th Ult^o your returned favour of 11th Febru^{ry}
& congratulate you on the happiness you enjoy
in the increase of your family & on the safe
recovery of M^{rs} Geddes. Report told you
truth, your Aunt M^{rs} Johnston was safely
delivered of a fine hearty, stout, strong Boy
on the 23^d March last he thrives amazingly
& looks like a Boy of six months, he was
captured by the Intense of John Burp in
Token of your Uncles regard to the writer
hereof. M^{rs} Johnston has had rather a
hard time of it has been very feeble and
weak since her delivery, but begins to gain
a little strength & we hope with the aid of
Air and Exercise will get soon perfectly well
She was obliged after many attempts to give
over suckling much against her inclination
& wishes.

We wish you great success in your ad-
ventures in Vessels & Fisheries, we approve
of your reconciling yourself to the wishes
of M^{rs} Geddes and your friends to settle in
the Artillery where we dare say you
may be as happy as any where else

The Trade of this place at present
is far from being encouraging, Sales
are slow, Cash & Produce scarce, not-
withstanding it was allowed on all hand
that the Crops last year was very abun-
dant, the price of Grain keeps too high
for exportation, What your Parliam^{ts}
mean to do for this Country is yet un-
certain. We understand that a petition
from hence last winter addressed to the
King & both Houses of Parliament signed
by the greatest part of the Old & new Sub-
ject

Subjects independent on Government praying
for a repeal of the Quebec Bill & to give
us a House of Assembly, an introduction
of the Habeas Corpus Act, a Trial by Jury
in civil matters & other privileges of
British Subjects had arrived in April last
but was not bro't before Parliament when
the last Ship left London so that we
still remain in suspense with respect
to our destiny.

We have some encouragement from
your Brother George in the Espinee of
Spain answering at Philadelphia, we
are however at present at a loss to know
which way to convey it to him as we can
clear no vessel out from this to any port
belonging to the States however for this year
he will have a pretty good supply from
Jamaica as James Irvine has been able
to do nothing there, & the quantity he has
with him will be a tolerable Stock to
begin with - we expect Irvine soon as
he wrote us 21st Jan^y. that he was to
leave Jamaica the first opportunity after.

All your friends & relations here being
well join with us & M^{rs}. Johnston in
best wishes for your, M^{rs}. Geddes, & your
daughter Anne's health & happiness. This
will be delivered to you by M^r. Haleroy
to whom we refer you for further news from
this Country - we
Dear Sir your friends
remain

Y^{rs} Obedt. Serv^t.