

Quebec 27<sup>th</sup> July 1782

Mr David Geddes London  
Dear Sir

We had the pleasure to receive your esteemed favours of 17<sup>th</sup> March & will last, and are glad to learn that after many difficulties and disappointments, you had at last got your public acc<sup>ts</sup> settled so much to your satisfaction; I hope the sickle Dame fortune has length after purling, perplexing & crossing you some more complaisant and obliging, and that you now enjoy in content & satisfaction all the pleasures of the married state. We must own we were a little disappointed at your resolution (in your time of life) to sit down in so retired a corner the Orkneys, when there is so much latitude in America for a young man to push forward in life the difficulties and trials you have of late encountered deterio you from entering again into the busy world and that you are fully determined on returning in your native Island, we sincerely wish you every happiness you can desire, but if otherwise on trial you should change your mind, we think Quebec offers at present a favourable opportunity for a young man of your bustling and enterprising turn of mind, especially to one who has acquired so much insight into the Corn Trade permit us to hint to you that should you be disposed, we have every convenience within ourselves for carrying on that Business to any extent; We have Storehouses the most commodious of any in the country, sufficient to contain a large quantity of grain, and have lately finished a most complete Warehouse with four Overlooked by Judges in that Branch, to be on as good plan for despatching of Business as any in America, in that Case we offer you a joint concern, otherwise as may be judged most convenient



for both parties, and beg your sentiments on  
head as soon as convenient for you. Your friends  
here are all well. Cousin Johnston we have  
initiated a pupil in his Aunt Taylors Dept  
Mr Irvine lives with us Mary Taylor goes  
home by this conveyance, the London Captain  
Dicks, for his Education, his Sisters Miss  
Mary & Betty are pretty girls fit to start  
Princes & Tommy growing up; Polly Irvine  
becomes a fine lively girl; Mr. Walters is well  
safe & with Betty is well. Mr. Purp begs you  
to accept of his thanks for your kind inter-  
one to have paid a visit to his friends in  
shire - Capt. Robison is arrived safe, he  
are well; He is not yet determined where to  
himself down; Mr. Robison being from  
York we understand would willingly settle  
in that State if circumstances there made  
it advisable to go thither. Make our best  
pects acceptable to Mr. Geddes, and your  
love to all relations in the Orkneys. Our  
compliments to Mrs. Johnston your Aunt  
received her letter which we shall answer  
fall ships. That you may long enjoy  
happiness the married State is capable of  
the sincere wish of

Your Dear Sir

Mr. David Geddes late  
Sept. Paymaster General to the Army under Gen.  
Dear Sir

You'll no doubt be desirous  
how your friends are disposed of since their arrival  
In answer, your Aunt Leah has joined in her  
keeping with your Aunt Irvine, young Irvine  
lives as yet at their house, your Uncle having  
concluded to give him this winter more school  
at the same time that he may assist in bringing  
his sister forward in her writing and arithmetic  
your Cousin John Johnston we have taken  
our own care, hope he will soon do well we  
however he had come earlier abroad. We are  
your friends

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