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To William Abbot Halifax } Quebec 23 June 1785

Sir

From a recollection of your former intimacy, and the knowledge we have of your kindly dispositions, we are induced to request your good offices, Countenance and advice to the bearer hereof Mr. James Irvine a Nephew of your W.m Johnston, who goes with a view of Settling in your place.

As he is just setting out in life, he may stand in need of a little advice from one of your experience and knowledge in the place which we flatter ourselves you will not deny him. — We are confident from his good dispositions that he will not abuse the friendship of those who give him Countenance we therefore the more readily take the liberty of recommending him to your favour.

If we can be of any service to you, or your friends in this place, we shall always take pleasure in shewing our readiness to be

Sir Your very Obed.t Hble Serv.t