

Quebec 16th July. 1702
W. William Brymer London

Dear Sir

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In consequence of your friendly offers I send ~~you~~ you (in the Quebec Captain Boyd in charge of our friend Capt. Robison) John Taylor for the best School Education you can obtain for him in England (at any Expence) preparative to his becoming in time a good Man and a compleat Distiller, to which end could wish he may be compleated in reading and writing well the English & french Tongues, and all the practical parts of arithmetic and Book-keeping, he may hereafter be taught the first Six Books of Euclid's Elements, Trigonometry & Geometry with other inferior branches of the Mathematics, which are proper to facilitate the Study of Natural Philosophy and Chemistry.

I beg you as my friend to give particular and positive direction to his Master, that none of his time be murdered in Latin, or any other dead & useless Language

I have among many other favours to thank you for the honourable & friendly motives that induced you becoming a ready Volunteer in forwarding my Brother's Son in Law and approve of the money advanced being placed to my debit

debit, yet am under the necessity of
leaving the Gentleman to his own Oars
in order to check the absurd Liberty
my Brother may continue to take
both with you and me. Please to pay
to Captain Boyd & M^r. Robison what
Charges they may bring on acct. of
young Taylor and place to acct. of
Dear Sir

Your sincere friend & oblige^d serv^t.
James Johnston

M^r. William Byrmer London
Dear Sir
Quebec 27 July 1783

We once more take the
Liberty to use the freedom of friends in
recommending to your protection M^r. Taylor
youngest Son Henry; as we have conceived a
favourable opinion of the abilities & care of
M^r. Hathaway, we beg your favour to send him
to his School, to be instructed in the same
branches of Learning, which were prescribed
for John; We shall not make any apology
for this trouble, as we know you averse to
ceremony, & ready to serve youngsters setting
out in the World To John Taylor's studies
his Uncle has no objection for his Amusement
to his Learning Drawing & dancing, and provided
he will use the German Flute or Violin
for that purpose only and not a Study, he
has none to his being taught one of them,
whenever his Master shall see proper, and
Henry may be taught to draw and dance.
That you may long live in good health
to enjoy the fruits of your Labours, and to
be of use to your friends is the sincere
wish of Dear Sir
Your much oblig^d oblige^d serv^t.
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