

Stromms Park June 1797

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Dear Johnston

I am at a loss how to account for the interruption that has taken place in our correspondence perhaps you can clear up this mysterious matter if it is owing to any negligence on my part I am sorry for it and beg forgiveness if on the contrary it originated with you I expect I am and honorable on your part

You will no doubt be surprisid on receiving this from me at this place yet your admiration will cease when I inform you the care of my aged Parents is the cause why you both at present will. I have been here this some weeks past and expect to remain two or three more before I return to London where I intend to pass the time until I am call'd back to Canada.

When I left Canada last fall very late all our friends were well and express'd much concern for your M<sup>r</sup> & Family's welfare. I am truly happy to find on enquiry you are agreeably situated for life and bless'd with many sweet little pledges of mutual affection may they all increase and ever prove dutifull and affectionate is my sincere wish. When in London I conversed frequently with your Brother in Law M<sup>r</sup> Taylor he informed

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informed me Mr. John Taylor by Lord Hugh Seymour's  
interest got appointed Surger to a first rate with the  
promise of a more eligible situation so soon as an opportu-  
nity offered. The business respecting a settlement of the affairs  
of the late Estate of Mr. H. Taylor was not in a favorable  
way towards a final Termination when I left home -  
yet I think they cannot procrastinate much longer,  
My situation here is pleasant and agreeable yet  
I would think myself truly happy could I enjoy a  
few days in your Mr. & Comp's I should have intended  
if I could have given you a visit but you must not depend on  
it as it is very uncertain when my Affairs may call me  
up to the Metropolis. perhaps you expect from me a  
complete detail of occurrences since our Correspondence  
draft which no doubt would be amusing but not satisfied  
that all shall be revealed at meeting if my intended  
visit can be accomplished. by return of post I expect  
a letter from you in which please state the situation  
of affairs with you in the interim I am with  
best respects to Mr. Johnston and all friends

Dear Johnston  
Yours very truly  
Mathew Macmillan

Edm<sup>d</sup>  
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