

Mr Cousin

21st May
London the 29th March 1783

I Rec^d yours by the Enterprise of the 5th June, I am
much oblig'd to you for your early & agreeable Intelligence of
every kind, also for your friendly Caution in your last of 23rd Oct.
I did not Intend taking any further notice of what has past, I am
very glad to hear your time passes so agreeably during your
tedious winter season. Cousin Jack Taylor has given me
a still more particular & agreeable acct. respecting many
particulars, He is a fine sensible little Lad, I went down
to the school with him to Waltham Abbey, He was in Town
along with me during the Christmas holidays, have been
down to see him along wth Cousin David once before & once since
the Holidays, He is in Expectation of the same Indulgence
at Midsummer from Mr. Brymer, but am doubtful of his
Consent at all times, I find you are a particular
favourite of his, as well as of his Mother & Sisters, the
Eldest I find is a sweet girl I heartily wish you Success

I am sorry to find you were Disappointed of the watch
sent out, but at the same time am glad to hear it was
attended with no worse Consequence, Uncle James has paid
me very generously for it, ~~and~~

I am,

I am very sorry to hear his Complaint of Sickness & Burthen
of age, I pray God preserve & long restore his health & strength
If any Extraordinary Change there, will be a severe Shock to all of us
the only Friend & Support of a whole Family, must be greatly mist.

You promis'd me in your first ment. Letter a more
full & Compleet ans.^r to all particulars but you ~~did~~ neglected
it in your last, I was much Disappointed in your not
writing me by Cousin Taylor, — You never mention
any particular persons, You take no Notice of your
Brothers in Law, You never yet ment. Mr. Halero, nor
took any Notice of Mr. Vagthart, — I Expected the latter
would have wrote me, I think hee has not us'd me
well in that respect, am sorry to find him so neglectfull
I did as much as lay in my power to serve him, in every
respect when in London

I have had no Letters from Orkney lately they are
always late in writing — I am in daily Expectation of
seeing your sister Mr. Halero here, as Capt. Robinson
informs me she Intends coming up to goe out to Quebec
along with him if Convenience in his Ship. I believe he
will be late in sailing —

P. S. You see I do not spare a little time
tho you are so much Engag'd

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I doubt not you have already heard of a General Peace
but am sorry to find the Conditions are so much disapproved
in particular, with respect to a great part of Canada being
given up to America, I cannot enter into particulars, neither
am I much acquainted with political affairs, you will undoubtedly
have the preliminary articles with you by this time

There have been such Changes & doings amongst the
Ministry of late such Contentions & Disputing amongst them
& such party doings &c. that even as yet since the 1st of March
there are not a new Arrangement formed as yet — never
was the Nation known to be so long without a Ministry before

I have only to ~~add~~ observe that a certain ~~French~~ ^{French} ~~man~~ ^{man}
pleas'd to desire his Compliments to Cousin Crafts, in one of his
low letters to two kind young Ladies, — tis not worth notice I only mention
it by way of a jest —

I conclude with love to you & best respects
to your new intended Arrangement, & all other worthy Friends
& Cousins of your acquaintance, my respectful Compliments
to Aunt Taylor, and am D^r Cousin

Yours Affectionately
Crafts Mackay

at N^o 50 Crutchee Fryars

P. S. You need do not spare a little time
tho you are so much engaged

Mr. Crafts of New York
London 29th March
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Mr. John Johnston
at Messrs. Johnston & Curfies
Merchants —
Quebec



Received & delivered in law
your most beloved son says your
letting an old French girl for not
from Mary your servant maid