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London May 31st 1790

Dear Brother,

I thank you for your well wishes for my future success in life, expressed in your favour of 7th May, I am glad to perceive the hurry of our business leaves us part by with the West India Vapels, so that I shall not be deprived of the pleasure of writing you now & then, in return, d'entendre de vos nouvelles. The present moment affords me much subject to entertain you with. The war we are likely to be engaged in shortly, has put every thing in quick motion here; the press of sailors has been very hot for some time, & many of the tars enter willingly into the service to get a knock as they say at the door, & to touch a few of their Dollars. We are informed also that the preparations in Spain are not less active as orders have been given in the different provinces for the press of 24000 men besides what they have already got. Our messenger to that Court is expected daily, as he has had orders not to stay longer than 48 hours.

My Brother reciev'd your letter but he was so engaged in
his business of Scotts, in preparations for his departure that
he could not answer it. I am happy however to inform you
he met with success. He left the Downs on 19th March
with Scotts Wife on board, who I conclude was prevailed
upon to go, by the desire of finding out her husband & by
the ample compensation she met with from us. I have not yet
heard from him, but expect a letter by Capt Patterson
whom he went out with, & who is expected back in June or
July to hall certainly let you know. Mrs Scott & her friends
seemed positive, he is the man, & a circumstance they mentioned
of him corresponds so exactly with one in his letter to me, that
I think it cannot be doubted.

I am much pleased to hear my Nephew Henry has escaped
the dangers you mention, & also that my sister enjoys her
health & spirits.

Remember me kindly to your Father & all other
relations & friends, & believe me,

Dear Brother,

Yours sincerely

Henry Taylor.

Mr Henry Taylor
London 31. May
1790
Recd. 15th June

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Mr John Johnson
at Mr Joshua Johnsons house,
St Thomas,
Corkney.

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