

**Addressed to:** William Brymer, London

**From:** (Anne Taylor)

Quebec 24<sup>th</sup> October 1784

William Brymer Esq<sup>r</sup>

London

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir,

The marks of friendship shewn to many of my relations, but especially your distinguishing kindness in condescending to take upon you the charge of the education of my two sons now under your care, calls for my most sincere acknowledgements, & for which I beg you to accept my most grateful thanks. I have at present to request your kind offices in an affair of the utmost importance to me & my children, & on which our hopes of subsistence wholly depends, and is to employ some proper person skilled in forms in the patent office to draw up a petition to his majesty, praying for a renewal of the patent granted to my deceased husband for other fourteen years from the expiration of the present, in my name only, being administratrix to my late husband the inventor, which I have great reason to hope will not be refused to me on the following considerations. That my husband dying in a few months after obtaining the patent, left me with five orphans. That the great expence occurred in erecting works for carrying on such a manufactory before any produce could arise from it reduced my circumstances so low that without the assistance of some friends I should have been brought to the necessity of relinquishing the undertaking altogether, and which advances I have not yet been able to discharge, and unless His Majesty shall be graciously pleased to grant my petition it must entail ruin upon myself and children. A small part of the implements requisite for carrying on the works, you know amounted in 1779 to more than twelve hundred pounds sterling and the whole works together to no less a sum than eight thousand pounds. With respect to the expence of the renewal of the patent, I refer you to Messrs Johnston & Pursse who write to you by this conveyance. I beg you to make my love to my two boys. That God may long continue you in good health to be a blessing to your friends & grant you eternal happiness is the sincere prayer of

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

Your much obliged humble serv<sup>t</sup>

Signed Anna Taylor

In which my three daughters beg leave to joine me, (*signed*)

Anna Maria Taylor

Hetty Martha Taylor

Jean Harris Taylor