

**Addressed to:** Mr William Abbot, Halifax

**From:** J & P

Quebec 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1785

Mr William Abbot, Halifax

Sir,

From a recollection of our former intimacy, and the knowledge we have of your friendly dispositions, we are induced to request your good offices, countenance and advice to the bearer hereof, M<sup>r</sup> James Irvine, a nephew of our M<sup>r</sup> Johnston, who goes with a view of settling at your place.

As he is just setting out in life, he may stand in need of a little advice from one of your experience and knowledge in the place, which we flatter ourselves you will not deny him.

We are confident from his good dispositions that he will not abuse the friendship of those who give him countenance. We therefore the more readily take the liberty of recommending him to your favour. If we can be of any service to you, or your friends, in this place, we shall always take pleasure in shewing our readiness to be

Sir

Your very obed<sup>t</sup> hble serv<sup>t</sup>