

**Addressed to:** Ann Taylor, Quebec

**From:** Joshua Johnston

Stromness 19 March 1789

Mrs Ann Taylor

Quebec

Dear Sister,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you of the safe arrival here of my only son with his wife, your only daughter, from Quebec after a long & tedious passage, and of their wellbeing since. I trust their union will prove happy to themselves & a pleasure to all concerned, at the same time that it engages us in a double type of natural affection towards each other. I may say with great assurance that I observe the presages of their future happiness lengthened out to other ages by the blessings of the marriage state. It is with pleasure that I observe the pure cheerful virtuous & sincere temper and disposition of your accomplished daughter & my young daughter in law. But I need not enlarge much upon this subject to you as I believe you are already well acquainted with that happy temper & disposition in both parties and their affection for all their friends which is the most engaging types in nature, & I trust it will continue to increase and grow still stronger the more the branches of our father's family are enlarged & in whatever time it may be lengthened, and no consideration should make us forget or forgo the alliance of our birth proceeding from the same stock whatever other connections may happen.

My wife & family join in our most affectionate respects to you and wish to have good acco<sup>ts</sup> of your wellbeing and happiness. I am

D<sup>r</sup> Sister

Your most affectionate brother

Joshua Johnston