

Addressed to: William Brymer

From: James Johnston

Quebec 30th June 1786

Mr William Brymer

Dear Sir,

Your obliging favour of 3rd April we received etc. etc. etc.

We refer (*defer* ?) for the present our views of settling young Taylor.

This spring has proved a mortal one as contagious scarlet fever and sore throat prevailed for some months and carried off a great many especially a number of young people of full plethoric habits. Mrs Taylor's two eldest daughters, the one of twenty & the other of near seventeen years, became victims to its rage, being cut off in a few days illness in the month of March, & lay corpses in the house at same time. Such a change was little expected at the time for they both a few days before seemed pictures of health & promised a length of days. We were under some apprehensions for Mrs Johnston at same time, who was seized with the disorder but is perfectly recovered.

Dear Sir, yours etc.

p the Hope Edwards