

Addressed to: Mr Alexander Brymer

From: James Johnston

Quebec 29th Oct^r 1785

Alexander Brymer Esqu^r, Halifax

Dear Sir,

Your kind favour of 29th ult & 1st inst we had the pleasure to receive 23rd inst pr James Irvine & return you our sincere thanks for your good offices to him during his stay at Halifax, and your kind endeavours to procure employment for him there, which tho' they did not succeed we hold ourselves not the less obliged to you, & if opportunity offers shall be always ready to render to any of your friends equal services in our turn.

We congratulate you on & rejoice at the success which has attended your great attention to business so as to enable you at so early a time of life to retire from the bustle of affairs & cannot help testifying our approbation of your good sense in judging of the proper season of enjoying the fruits of your labours, the generality of mankind postponing that happiness till in the course of nature they are past relishing the enjoyment.

We thank you for your recommendation of Mess^{rs} Brymer & Belcher to our acquaintance. Any business we may have to transact for ourselves we shall be happy in their correspondence and if any commissions among our friends shall offer we shall always be ready to recommend their house.

We wish you a happy passage to England and all health to enjoy in comfort & satisfaction the reward of your industry & application, with our compliments to our best friend your uncle when you see him. We remain dear sir

Your much obliged hble serv^{ts}