

**Addressed to:** Mr Thos Robison of Falmouth

**From:** James Johnston

Quebec 10<sup>th</sup> March 1786

Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Robison of Falmouth

Dear Sir,

We had the pleasure to receive a few days ago your esteemed favour of 17<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Davis, which, with one forwarded by Mr Powel about 12 M<sup>s</sup> ago are the only we have received from you since you left this place.

Our present distressed situation must apologize for the little attention we have been able to pay to M<sup>r</sup> Davis ever since he has been here. Our family & concerns have been visited with sickness. M<sup>rs</sup> Johnston has been ill ever since but is now on the minding hand. M<sup>rs</sup> Taylor's two eldest daughters, Nancy & Hetty, were snatched off in the flowers of their youth, M<sup>iss</sup> Hetty the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst after an illness of four days & Nancy the 4<sup>th</sup> of an indisposition of ten days standing. For further particulars we refer you to M<sup>r</sup> Davis for the loss of those girls who were so dear to us. Our present feelings permit us to write no farther on the subject.

We are glad to hear you are settled so much to your liking & hope you will, when opportunity offers, let us hear from you. All our surviving friends here being in tolerable good health join in best respects to M<sup>rs</sup> & M<sup>iss</sup> Robison. We remain,

Sir, yours etc.