

Addressed to: Mr John Johnston, Quebec

From: Mr John Moor, Sept 16th 1784

Stromness March the 31st 1784

D^r Sir

You'll doubtless be surprised at receiving a letter from me after so long a silence, but as there is a possibility that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in Quebec and having always found you to be a prodigy of good nature, have ventured to ask your assistance and advice in the following affair. A Mr John Laughton at Detroit in Canada having occasion lately to write Mr Francis Liddle in this country mentioned in his letter that if a schoolmaster would come to that place, he would make at least 100£ St^g p^r annum. Mr Liddle told me that if I would think of going, he would write Mr Laughton on the subject and desire him to condescend on terms. I told Mr Liddle that if Mr Laughton would fix on a genteel salary and become bound for the faithful payment thereof and also bear my expenses from Britain to Detroit, I would have no objection to try my fortune in that quarter.

But in case Mr Liddle's letter should by any means be miscarried, am hopeful that you'll take the trouble to write Mr Laughton on receipt of this and inform him of the particulars mentioned in this letter to which get his answer as soon as possible. I expect you'll either write me separately or give me a postscript in your father's letter. You may also hint to Mr Laughton what I'll engage to teach, viz. English and Latin Grammar, Arithmetic, Book Keeping, Navigation and Church Music if required.

If I ever come to Quebec, you shall receive a cart load of thanks for this piece of trouble, and if that shall not happen, I expect you'll excuse it from

Dr Sir, your most obed^t humble serv^t

John Moore