**Addressed to:** Mr John Johnston, Quebec (Lord Mulgavie, Cap<sup>t</sup> Boyd)

From: Henry Taylor, Waltham, 5<sup>th</sup> April 1785

Waltham Abby, April 5<sup>th</sup> 1785 Rec<sup>d</sup> the 24<sup>th</sup> May<sup>(1)</sup>

Dear Cousin,

To answer your kind wishes of knowing what I am learning I gladly embrace this opportunity of informing you that I am learning English, French, Arithmetic, Drawing, and Dancing all of which I like very well & hope my friends will be satisfied with the improvement I shall have made when I am finished.

You cannot think how glad I was when I heard that you were all pleased with my writing, and you may be assured that I will try to improve equally in every thing else.

I am very glad to hear that all friends were well at Quebec when you wrote to me. May they long continue so!

Pray give my duty to Mamma, Uncle and Aunts, and love to my Sisters and Cousins

I remain

Dear Cousin

Yours most affectionately

Henry Taylor

Note 1 - *in different handwriting*