

Addressed to: Mr Johnston (*John Johnston then passing through London*)

From: Henry Taylor (*at school in Hoddesdon*)

Hoddesdon, Oct^r 28, 1788

Dear Brother & Sister,

According to your desire, I write you these few lines inclosed in a letter to my brother, John, not knowing in what street you live, in order to hear whether you got safe home on Friday last, as I was greatly apprehensive of the contrary as there is danger in travelling at this time of the year.

I assure you I am in great hopes of seeing you both again before your departure for Scotland, but if I am not to enjoy that pleasure, be so kind as to favour me with the direction by which my letters can reach you in the Orkneys, for the uneasiness I am under in your absence will be greatly alleviated by the pleasure of conversing with you by letter.

I now conclude with love to my brother, John, & believe me ever with the sincerest affection,

Dear brother & sister

Your loving brother

Henry Taylor

P.S. I have not yet received the cake you promised me but that is of little consequence compared with the pleasure of seeing you soon again, & I only mention it that you may know that if you have sent it it is miscarried.

Mr Jordan desires to be sincerely remembered to you.