

Addressed to: Rochester April Sixteenth 1804, M^{rs} Johnston, Stromness, Orkney, N.B.

From: M^{rs} Ann Taylor, Chatham, 16th April Rec^d 29th April 1804

My Dear Madam,

I have to entreat your forgiveness for the great neglect that has taken place since I last did myself the pleasure of writing to you, but I fully expected to see M^r Halcro in Chatham and intended writing and sending a small parcel by him, which I informed him when I saw him in London. I am much hurried in writing this as the frank is but this moment brought and the post leaves us in half an hour.

Mr Taylor desires his love and begs me to assure you it will always give him pleasure to prove his brotherly affection in every way possible. He adds that he long ago spoke of the injustice that took place relative to the unfortunate property at Qubec. If you should find it within the limits of possibility to take so long a journey as this, I can only say I should feel much gratified. It is most strange that Henry as never once written in reply to his brother's frequent letters. My little Ann and Henry are well, as I trust are the whole of your little ones. You must, my dear madam, excuse the shortness of this letter. Your brother would have written but was obliged to the Custom House on business. We both unite in best wishes to M^r Johnston, yourself, etc.

I remain most truly your sincere friend &

Ann Taylor

April 16th 1804