

Please return these
where you please
them

For Mrs James Taylor or

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River John Nova Scotia
North American
July 8 1833

Dear Father
I embrace this opportunity of writing to
you hoping you enjoy a good state of
Health and your advanced period of life
I obtained the trunk & other sundries you
were please out of kindness to send the letter
you mentioned on the paper or list of articles in the
Trunk I did not receive at this date & likewise
I received no letter from James since the spring
1832 20 of March from London via Quebec ⁱⁿ inform
me of the sudden & unfortunate demise of lamented
Charles & Mr Watson & of the good estate of your
Health this spring I received a letter from South
Devonport informing ^{me of} your good health &
welfare of which I was happy to hear it informed
me of James being frozen in the St Lawrence
this winter I have bought 100 acres of land ten of which
are fit for the plough & five are partly cleared it cost
65 with interest which 6 per per annum I have three
years to make the amount required the legacy
of Mr Watson not arriving in time this spring I
had to sell to a pair of oxen & a young horse to make
up the amount there is a new barn & house for the
three years I have not spent more than necessary
In order to obtain a competency for my self
I am now teaching school in River John settlement
About Twelve Miles from Tatamagouan salary [£] 30
found in diet 1833

According to James's advice I study after
School hours in order to improve I can now
Parly le France a la mode du France I can read
Pronounce le bon France or the droit France I have
A Latin Testament & Lexicon which I can read
and mostly understand & I am now learning to read
the Greek Testament for I am like Plutarch studying
late in life James in his letter promised books which
I would be happy to receive I hope dear father you will
favour me with your advice & letters and I shall always
be happy to obtain them while you are on earth excuse
the scribble for I shall never be a fine writer this
would be a fine country if the winter was not so
long & dreary & cold the snow is sometimes 12 or 10
feet high last winter I had to walk like a Indian
on snow shoes to the school I daily improve in arithmetic
the crops fail'd last season when you write direct hrs before
I am uneasy at not receiving word from James that
any accident has happened to him I wrote to nobb
Wapping wall last year & I obtained no answer
when you write to James present a brothers love to him
for now we are so few in number we ought not to
forget each other I was reading in the Greek Testament
Φιλαδέφφια μενετω. Heb 13 ^{chap 13} 1 Philadelphus men
Let brotherly love continue. I would like to see James
once more you mention'd that I was to write the letter
myself write as soon as possible & let me know
All particulars & how much was the amount
of James's legacy by Mr Watson

If you send any letter send by Mr Bellings and
to Charlotte town Prince Edward Island it is only
About 21 miles from Cape John across Cumberland
Street to it Mr Peake of Stouhoun likewise
Is a merchant in the N. E. Island please to present
my respects to Miss Cook for I feel myself
Most deeply indebted to her for kindness in
youth & manhood which I shall never
forget if I dont have some word from James
this fall I shall come to London it would be great
inconvenience for I would lose a good situation
I would come out in the spring but I dont want
to come I would go to school to pass the winter
to perfect myself in the Greek & Navigation
which is useful in this country

I must now conclude

I remain your affectionate Son
William Taylor

Adieu mon cher mon Pere

PS Excuse to the French in this letter

