

Surprised. Our hearty Love and prayers are for your prosperity and welfare, which I pray may be accepted, being all I can now offer to you, from

y^r most affectionet & Lo: Father
J^o NELSON

John I Nelson to Henry Lloyd.

BOSTON May 24: 1717.

M^r HENRY LLOYD S^r

I hope you haue rec^d mine in Answer to what you write relateing to y^r affairs wth M^r Eastwick, which went by the post, since w^{ch} we are under a deep concern about Peggies¹ returne for that here is on our Coast a pirate who hath taken severall Vessells, so that it will be noe waies safe for her to come by water, at least not further than road Island, but it would be better by land from New London tho of more charges, we are all in great solicitude about her, and very much want her being with us, Therefore pray yr best assistance & of which pray lett me haue notice by the post, so that we may in some measure be delivered from our fears, we remaine in health . . . my sone Temple² is in buisness at the Docks, but not bound, Paschall² goes to Col-edge this summer, we have news from my Brother Tailer³ who is likely to succeed in pretentions by means of my Lord Cobham,⁴ to whom I recommended him, soe that we dayly expect his returne.

Yr most affectionate father &c

J^o NELSON

¹ His daughter Margaret, later Mrs. Steele.

² His sons.

³ Lieut.-Gov. Tailer, his wife's brother.

⁴ Sir Richard Temple, Bart., Lord Cobham; head of the Temple family.