

John I Nelson to Henry Lloyd, Queen's Village, N. Y.BOSTON Decem^r 28: 1721.M^r HENRY LOYD, DEARE S^r

Tho it hath pleased God to visitt us in these parts very seuerely wth the smal pox, amoungst which my familie has hed a great share, nine of us haueing had it yett thro his great mercy to us haue all escaped, M^r Cutler onely miscarried and happilie for us not allied to our familie his affairs appearing since his death very bad, poore Peggie¹ has had a great escape, tho I think her as sincere & tender a mourner as euer was, soe, that I am forced to keep all secret from her but time will weare these things out, your sone will out-grow your expectation, I expect to heare from you how you intend to dispose of him, this long vacation has put him somewhat back in his learning but time may recouer him if you desigine to continue him for his studies, he now stands next of M^r Stoughton's² relations for a pention of Six pounds p^r ann att ye Colledge, tho I must confess I doe not much admire the Education now reed from thence, which is now very Loose and depraned & requires a strickt inspection from those to whom they immediately belong, but must refer this to y^r prudence. M^r Temple³ writes at large to his Wife of the undertaking himself and Temple Nelson is now engaged in, I belieue it will be advantageous, soe that we haue call and business enough for Hitty,⁴ for which she must prepare herself.—Tell Paschall⁵ we much blame him for neglecting writing to us. . . . M^r Temple⁶ will be wth you in the Spring & if I can intend to accompanie him . . . yr most affectionate & Louing Father

J^o NELSON

¹ His daughter Margaret, later Mrs. Steele.

² Endowment at Harvard College of Lieut.-Gov. Stoughton, uncle to Mrs. John I Nelson.

³ His son-in-law, Capt. Robert Temple.

⁴ His daughter, Mrs. Temple.

⁵ His son.

⁶ His son-in-law, Capt. Robert Temple.