

John I Nelson to Henry Lloyd, Queen's Village, N. Y.

BOSTON Long Island Ap^r 13: 1723.

M^r HENRY LLOYD S^r . . . my son Temple¹ arriued from a place called Barbesia, a lonely Dutch plantation on the Maine, 60 leagues to y^e Leeward of Surrinam, where he hath formed a projection of trade, which has a likely aspect of success, his vessel is now returning theithe, and in ye Fall of ye yeare intends to go himselfe in person.

Capt Temple² we Expect dayly from the Eastward, where he has spent the winter in the fateagues of our unhappy Indian war, the End & Ishue of which noe man can See thrô', his Wife was Brought a bed about a moth since, with a boy, whom we have named Thomas, but are under fears for him, he being weaklie — we are as yet kept out of possession of Nodls Island,³ at first by the obstinacy of the Tenant, who has made all the depredations possible, in the fencing, buildings and stock, and at last is escaped into Road Island, to avoid the Executions of Judgments obtained, soe that M^r Yeamins will receive about 1000.£ damage &c. Since which Mr David Stodard who was M^r Yeamins his attorney, being dead, & our Gouvernor being absent, here is none left to act for M^r Yeamins, who is now in Antigua, soe that M^r Temple⁴ will be kept out one year more, in this confution of affaires, I have been forced to take Nodls Island into my care & possession in behalfe of booth parties, untill things can be settled, but I hope att last may be to his advantage &c . . .

Your most affectionate and Loving father

J^o NELSON

¹ Temple II Nelson.

² His son-in-law, Capt. Robert Temple.

³ At present East Boston.

⁴ His son-in-law, Capt. Robert Temple.