

of the master of the "Hartley," whose acknowledgment is subjoined to the list of the emigrants. I have sent by him a duplicate of this letter. I have informed these emigrants that upon their deciding to what part of the country they will proceed, you will employ some part of this money in arranging their conveyance to the place of their destination, and that the remainder will be paid over to them. I made this arrangement according to the directions of Mr. Pinnock, the Government Agent in London. I shall take it as a great favour if you will take the trouble to inform me of the safe arrival of this party of emigrants, and of the settlement which they are likely to make; and

I have the honour to be, &c. &c. &c.

(signed) *Alexander R. C. Dallars,*
Rector of Wonston.

A. C. Buchanan, Esq., &c. &c., Quebec.

Office of His Majesty's Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration
in Upper and Lower Canada, Quebec, 15th August 1836.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to inform you of the safe arrival of the ship "Hartley," from Portsmouth; passengers all well. Among them are 17 heads of families, who have been assisted to emigrate from the parishes of Wonston, Mitcheldriver, Stoke, Charity, Hunton and Woodmancot; and I received a list of their names and occupations from the captain, which stated that the sum of 68*l.* 5*s.* was to be paid them on their arrival here, under the superintendence of this department; which sum, I regret to say, has not been received, and has caused these poor people serious inconvenience. I have, however, advanced them 25*l.* currency, to enable them to proceed to the Eastern Townships, where they will obtain immediate employment and high wages. I have, therefore, to request that you will be pleased to have the funds intended for these people remitted to me immediately, that I may distribute the balance due to them as soon as possible. They have all gone to settle on the lands belonging to the British American Land Company. I furnished them with every direction and information necessary to guide them in their new mode of life, which, if they follow, there is no doubt but they will do well. Waiting your early reply,

I am, &c.

(signed) *A. C. Buchanan, jun.*

Rev. A. R. C. Dallas,
Rector of Wonston, County of Southampton, England.

Office of His Majesty's Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration
in Upper and Lower Canada, Quebec, 20th October 1836.

Sir,

I HAD the pleasure of addressing you on the 15th August last, informing you of the safe arrival of the ship "Hartley," from Portsmouth; passengers all well.

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your favours of the 23d and 30th June, which I only received on the 10th September; the latter containing a draft on Messrs. William Price & Co. of this city, for the sum of 68*l.* 5*s.* sterling, which was duly honoured, and the proceeds paid over to the different parties, in accordance with your wishes. These people, as I mentioned in my former letter, have all settled in the Eastern Townships on the lands of the British American Land Company; and I have been delayed writing you sooner, waiting advice from Mr. Webster, to whose care I recommended the party. His letter, which gives such favourable accounts of them, I send you a copy, which I have no doubt but it will prove satisfactory to yourself and their friends, and may probably be some inducement for others to emigrate next year.

I am happy to state, that these provinces were never in a better condition to receive a large emigration than at the present time. The demand has been so great for all denominations of the working classes, particularly farm and common labourers, and domestic servants of both sexes, carpenters, masons, blacksmiths, tailors, &c., that it has very much retarded the advancement of public and private improvements in both provinces.

The rate of wages has progressively advanced as settlement increases; and I do not anticipate for years the smallest chance of the Canadas becoming overstocked with agricultural labourers, domestic servants and tradesmen of various denominations.

From these facts, it will be readily admitted that the prospects of all industrious and sober persons of the working classes in the Canadas is exceedingly favourable, and that any failure in reaching a state of comparative prosperity will be entirely at their own door.

The emigration of this year will be little short of 30,000 souls, and the proportion from England very much increased over former years. I anticipate not the slightest difficulty in being able to procure settlement and immediate employment for double that number next year, as the vast improvements in contemplation in this, and more particularly Upper Canada, in making railroads and canals, will require of themselves a very large number of labourers, besides the increasing demand for agriculturists and mechanics.

I wish much to impress on those who take an interest in assisting the poor labouring population of the United Kingdom to emigrate to these colonies, the advantage which they have in arriving here early in the season (say in all the month of May) over those who come out at a later period, as you will observe from some of the remarks in the annexed letter from Mr. Webster (*see* page 25 of the Appendix).

Letters from
Landed Proprietors
in England, with
Answers thereto.