

[30th Letter]

YORK, JUNE 9, 1817

My Dearest Brother

As the ship is arrived which conveys the Governor and Mrs Gore to Sacket's Harbour I have no time to lose in availing myself of the opportunity to write tho' it will be perhaps but a few lines. Our friend Lt.-Col. Coffin, Adj. Gen. of Militia, accompanies His Excellency across the lake and I hope to N. Y. * * * the good Colonel, though not one of the most animated is one of the best and most honourable of men: his greatest pleasure is the ability to do an act of kindness and his friends not unfrequently upbraid him with too great facility to sacrifice his own interests to promote that of others. You are a personal stranger to the Governor and Mrs. Gore but I think when you do see them, both you and my sister will cease to wonder at the regret their departure excites in this limited circle: however, it is to be hoped that they may be induced to return to a Province where they will be ever remembered with the most grateful regard. * * * Col. Coffin will, I am sure take charge of anything for us. I wish there were anything worth sending * * * There is a Mr. Roberts arrived from England with very respectable recommendations and is seeking for a house fit for a school. * *

[31st Letter]

YORK, JULY 7TH

[Private] * * *

The season except a few days has been so cool that warm clothes were necessary. It is now perfectly summer and we are cheered by prospects of abundant crops. We paid last year \$46 a ton for hay, we might now contract for it at ten * * * This is the first day of Term and soon after it concludes Mr. Powell will begin the circuit.

[32nd Letter]

YORK, 26th JULY, 1817

My Dearest Brother

If Mrs. Gallagher has reached N.Y. before this she will tell you of the hurried visit paid to us by herself. Mrs. G. and Olivia * * * Our neices (Mrs. G. and Olivia) Mr. Powell leaves this on the 6th Aug. for the Eastern Circuit * * * Mrs. Cartwright is on a visit to Dr. Strachan, she looks ill but her spirits are good; a