

[10th Letter]

2 Miles from Black Rock.

FEB. 26TH, 1816.

My Dearest Brother

I arrived here a few minutes ago in the hope of crossing the St. Lawrence [Niagara] this evening but I find no means of doing so, indeed were I to proceed the wind and the snow would probably prevent the boat from going over. My journey has been entirely on wheels, of course fatiguing enough * * * the road from Canandaigua to the Genessee River was dreadful, we were ten hours travelling it excepting the time taken to mend the stage which broke down in the midst of the worst road. I had the pleasure to deliver the letters to Dr. Onderdonk.

[11th Letter]

YORK, MARCH 15TH, 1816.

My Dearest Brother

From my letter of the 5th, written at Queenston to our sister W. you would find that I had proceeded thus far without accident * * * I then tried to escape the bad roads which were declared almost impracticable by crossing in a vessel the next day, you will suppose that I was not a little surprised at the sight of Mr. Powell about 11 at night, who had left York at 12 the day before, the Equinox had so alarmed him that all difficulties as to his absence and hazardous travelling were speedily overcome and nothing could satisfy him but that his presence and attendance was necessary to ensure my safety. He most certainly judged correctly as to the uncertainty of the navigation for a change of weather detained the vessel five days at Fort George, and the heavy easterly gale which brought her over prevented all communication with her for twenty-four hours after she anchored to the west of the Garrison, while I on the 8th at noon was rejoiced by seeing my children well and receiving the congratulations of my friends.

Mr. Powell is likely to suffer from a little excursion a few miles out of town, where he took Mrs. J. Powell and little Anne to see Mrs. Claus. The horses ran away and Mr. Powell's leg was hurt.

The kindness of our excellent and warm friend, the Governor, has been exerted to serve my husband, at his desire the Legislature now in session have voted \$4000 to remunerate him for extra judicial services in settling land claims which occupied much time and were a laborious business some years ago, this sum will about overcome the perplexities resulting from the late war, and we have