

all about it; and if he likes to come, no fear but what he will do well: but I know you cannot let him come without you. I want you all here if you could go through the hardships of coming over. When you get here you may do well: I only wish I had come before. Give my love to Elizabeth, and tell her if she wants fine clothes, she is to come here; it would be the making of her. Dear sister, I should be glad if you would be so kind to write to John's brother, Thomas Thorpe, at the Priory, Hastings, and let him know the concerns of this letter. The flowers are much here as yours: provision is not very cheap; flour is 1s. 7d. a gallon of this money, about 10d. of yours; butter is 1s., your money 6d.; meat from 2d. to 6d., your's 1d. to 3d.; sugar 10d. to 1s., yours 5d. and 6d. Tell father I wish I could send him 9 or 10 pound of tobacco; for it is 1s. a pound: I chaws rarely. Dear sister, I hope you will write to us as soon as possible: please to direct to Mrs. John Thorpe, Hudson Printing Factory, County of Columbia, in the State of New York, in America. Please to copy this letter out before you show it to any one, it is wrote so bad. Give my love to all enquiring friends. Send me all the news you can; so no more at present from your absent son and daughter,

J. and E. THORPE.

The spirits of brandy is 3s. 6d. a gallon; and rum is cheaper. The weather is very hot here; and a great deal of thunder, very sharp. Pray for us, and we will do the same for you; so now, dear friends, farewell till I see you. We landed into New York the 19th May.

*Mr. Thomas Cooke, Cripscorner, Sedlescomb,  
Sussex, near Robertsbridge, England.*

Dear Father and Mother,

July 7th, 1828.

I WRITE these few lines to you, hoping this may find you in a good state of health, as it leaves us all at present. I hope you will not be uneasy about me; for I am better off here than I was in England: for I have a good house and garden, 90 rods of ground, and some fruit trees, for 25 dollars per year. I live in a good neighbourhood as any one wishes to live in. The best of this country-people, they are so friendly with one another; for they