

June 25th. 1838.

Dear and honored Friend,

I suppose you have been looking for a letter for a long time, but I have been detained in writing, because we have been in an unsettled state, and I thought I would stay until we was settled : but I have now the pleasure and happiness to say, that we are all quite well and hearty, hoping this will find you all the same. I find myself in duty bound, to thank you for the many favors I have had to enjoy at your hands. I will now give you some of the outlines as to the passage. We had a very tedious passage of 8 weeks, but I soon overcame my sea sickness ; but I could not stand the rocking of the ship, and it was a very rough sea almost all the way over; but I may say that I was as well as any of the party. The children was as well as any of the children, but my husband was very ill all the way ; so bad, that he could not go up on deck above once or twice all the way, and for the first nine months there were, that he could not earn any thing ; but I have been quite well, and have had plenty of work hat making. I have had to maintain the family myself ; but we have not wanted any thing. Labouring men earn 3s. per day, and board ; here is plenty of work for every body, and provisions are very cheap ; but here is but very little money. The price of provisions are as follows, as nigh as I can tell. Flour is 4 dollars per barrel of 196 lbs. weight ; 4d. lb. pork ; 3d. lb. beef ; 3d. lb. mutton ; and a fat sheep for 7s. 6d. ; butter from 7½d. to 9d. lb. ; cheese here is none in this country ; sugar, 6d. lb. ; tea, 5s. 3d. lb. ; candles, 9d. lb. ; and other things much the same as in England ; clothing very little dearer ; shoes are very dear in this country, and very bad leather ; cows are from 4£. to 5£. per head ; oxen are from 15£. to 18£. per yoke ; horses from 10£. to 20£. ; no good barley in this country ; it is winter barley. The produce of Canada : very fine wheat very plentiful, oats, peas, no beans, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, onions, peas, french beans ; pumpkins, cucumbers, melons, all grow wild in the fields with turnips. The weather is colder in the winter, and hotter in the summer, here is only 3 months of summer, and then very hot days and sometimes frosty nights ; these months are June, July, and August : then September, October, and November, are the fall ; these months are something like your winter : then December, January, and February, are very