

two fatherless grand-daughters of Judge Powell] * will I am sure all ways find in you and my aunt George interested friends who will soon make New York a second home to her * * * I hope nothing may prevent Janie's [Miss English] taking her as a boarder * * * [sundry warnings against certain relations follow] I hope you will not think I mean to dictate by writing thus, nor when I say that could I prevent it she should never go to a Presbyterian Church and except for some particular reason to none but Grace Church — and never to any of an evening, I may be fanciful but I cannot think such a rule could be a disadvantage.

* (This refers to the children of Wm. Dummer Powell, one of the ten members of the first Law Society of U.C., a letter of whom from Queenston in 1801 to Col. Robert Nelles at Forty Mile Creek (Grimsby) is in possession of the Society. This returns thanks for forwarding their escape in an elopement with Sarah Stevenson to Niagara, where they were married by Rev. Robt. Addison. W. D. Powell died in 1803, as shown by entry in St. Mark's register, while his wife lived to 1834, as shown by tombstone in St. George's Cemetery, St. Catharines. J. C.)

[8th Letter]

JANUARY 6TH, 1815.

Favoured by the Hon. and Rev. Dr. Strachan
My Dearest Brother

From your letter to Anne, received the 1st I have some hope this may meet you at Utica, where Dr. Strachan has promised to inquire for you. You will hear from him of my intended journey, * * * to induce our dear Jane English to take our little Mary under her charge. Mr. Powell had consented to my placing her at Quebec * * * There were and are objections, all will be done away with if I am able to accomplish my present wishes. * * * Mrs. Grant Powell and her children accompany me to Albany, from Buffalo to that place we go unprotected except by a careful and discreet servant, neither Mr. Powell nor Grant can be spared and I am too old and good a traveller to feel any apprehension from this circumstance.

[9th Letter]

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1816.

[From Mrs. Powell in New York where she had gone expecting to see Mr. Murray but he had left for Utica just as she arrived — Great disappointment.]