

EXTRACTS

From Letters of Persons who sailed from Portsmouth with the Petworth Party, April 11th, 1832.

From George Hill, late a labourer at Sullington, Sussex.

Ancaster, August 5, 1832.

We was six days coming up from Montreal to Prescott, which was a very tedious journey; the boats are drawn up the rapids in some bad places with eight or ten yoke of oxen. We have been here five weeks. I like the country here very much, but my wife don't seem to be quite so well contented, yet I got work the first day I was here, and have had plenty of work ever since. I got 6s. per day (New York currency, which is 3s. 9d. English money,) and be boarded. Farmers and labourers all sit at one table here. We get 5s. per day English money, and be boarded. I don't wish to persuade any one to come over, for they must expect to see a good many hardships; but I know that a poor man can do a great deal better here than he can at home: he is sure to get plenty of work if he is steady, and can live cheaper. Puddock and me have rented a very good house at 1l. per month English money. I have bought a cow for 5l. and a young sow for 12s. 6d. We work here from sunrise to sunset, but we don't work so hard as we do at home: we rest through the day very often; they are not so particularly here about losing a little time as they are at home. Jane (she is twelve years old) is out at service for a year at 10s. per month