

please providence to carry me to my own country,
my family, and my home.

I am, Sir, &c.

LETTER EIGHTH.

MAXWELLTOWN, DEC. 20, 1821.

Reverend and Dear Sir,

Having, through the kindness and care of the Almighty, once more reached my native home and family, I have lost as little time as possible in taking up my pen, to add a few additional remarks and advices, needful to accompany my former letters, descriptive of Prince Edward Island. I may begin by observing, that no settlers are prized more, and few so much, upon that Island, as settlers from Dumfries-shire, and the southern counties of Scotland. None excel them in agricultural knowledge, domestic economy, or steady industrious habits. None who can supply more of their own wants with their own hands, submit, without murmuring, to mean fare, or make greater exertions to increase their own comforts. I mean such of them as are sober and industrious; but I cannot say they are all so. I would rank the Highlanders as next to these in eligibility, and the well-behaved Irish next, if not equal to them; and the English as the most unsuitable of all. Every thing in that Island, and, I believe, in all America, is new in some measure to every European, go from where he may; but the change is greater, and more distressing to an English family, than to almost any other. Such of them as bring property with them, generally keep up their old mode of living till they are as poor as their neighbours, and then they are destitute in the extreme. Their women frequently can spin neither flax nor wool, and many of them are both unable and unwilling to take the hoe, and assist their husbands in planting