

[6th Letter]

YORK, OCTOBER 13TH, 1815.

My Dearest Brother

[Two pages and a half of family news concerning chiefly the illness of Mr. Murray's son, John, of consumption and the baseness of an elder brother, who while apparently a wealthy man neglected to aid his mother and other members of the family who had a right to expect him to do so] * * * I have a thousand things to say in which self is concerned—the Governor is arrived, well and friendly as ever, we owe to him the ability to support the late disastrous times, the timely nature of his influence at home gained for my husband the means to get rid of difficulties that would almost have overwhelmed us. An evil is now with the officers of the King's Government hanging over us—the seat of Govt. is to be removed to Kingston but it is too great an undertaking to be accomplished this winter—we are to have remuneration for unavoidable losses but yet the decision is a sad distraction to the comforts of those who have been devoting many years to the improvement of their possessions—for myself I am perfectly resigned to the measure, the few years before me render it unimportant where they are passed, and the hope of my remains reposing beside one of lamented children is consolatory to my feelings of everlasting regret.

[A Letter from Miss Anne Powell, the eldest daughter of Judge Powell to her uncle, Mr. G. W. Murray.]

[7th Letter]

YORK, NOVEMBER 11TH, 1815.

If this were the first time I had addressed you my dear uncle since the communication has been open between us * * * When I last wrote to you I fully expected to see you in a few weeks, however papa applied for leave to go home and of course I gave up all idea of any other protection — he was disappointed but not half so much as I was for by that means I lost the chance of going in company with my old friend Mary Cartwright, now Mrs. Dobbs [wife of Capt. Dobbs of 1812 fame].

To Geo. W. Murray, Broadway, N.Y.
[by Miss Mary B. Powell]

YORK, JANUARY 5TH, 1816.

My Dear Uncle

* * * Mama's sudden determination to take Mary to school to N.Y. has thrown us all into a little bustle, Mary [one of