

close the particulars from her in my letter. The distance is far that we are from one another, though intelligence is near. I frequently see people from England, and converse with them, though it is not so gratifying as to have a letter. Speaking of cleared land above in my letter, that is land of which the timber has been cleared off, or mostly off. The land in its nature through these parts is very heavy timbered, generally speaking: the timber through these parts are oak, pine, ash, maple, elm, beech, hickory, and bass wood, some hemlock, and cedar. Soil and productions: the soil is fertile, fitted for all the purposes of agriculture. The air is generally clear and healthy. The snow laid about six weeks, and went off quite sudden, with some rain. The time of harvest comes here with us, about the same time it comes with you. The heat in summer, exceeds the heat with you; though I have seen some as hot days there, as ever I have seen here, though not in general. Wheat is the staple article, though there are various other kinds of grain, raised in the country. Wheat yields from 16 to 25 bushels to the acre; and [I] have heard of its raising more. Now to let you know, you perhaps will be deceived in the country, for the forest is quite different from what I thought it was: I found no such great landholders here; like as there is in England. I live along the banks of Lake Ontario, and I believe it is inhabited for 60 or 70 miles back: the land is surveyed into townships, then into 200 acre lots; and I believe the greater part has been drawn from the Crown; and almost every one that wants land, can get it by industry, if he likes: the forest is something like the North Woods. You wanted to know something about the natives of our land: of what I have seen, I believe [they] are all naturalized, and become subject to the law of the land: how they are back in the interior parts I cannot tell; for what I know, they are almost as far off perhaps as you are. The wild beasts of the forest, are such as generally do no harm; the bear and the wolf are the worst, and they scarcely ever do any harm. Fowls of various kinds, geese, ducks, and fowl, of all kinds, not so many as was represented; though we have the opportunity of fowling where we choose. Fruit of various kinds, though none but what is raised in the same way they are with you: the fruit is plentiful here in places; I believe apples have been sold for 1s. $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per bushel, in places through the country, though not all over so plentiful: there is a great deal of cider made from apples in this country, for which we can get 16s. per