

just reward of a life of exertion for the good of the colony:—but there is another point of view in which it is more gratifying to me:—the Governor's strong recommendation of the measure is a proof of his confidence in the talents and integrity of a man who at one period was held up to him as undeserving of his regard or esteem and the consideration that it gives a claim to a respectable support when age and infirmity may incapacitate him for his arduous duties, serve to cheer the present moment and remove apprehension of future want.

[21st Letter]

YORK, OCTOBER 7TH, 1816.

My Dearest Brother

* * * The Chief Justice was taken very ill on the circuit and unable to hold the Niagara Assizes—Mr. Powell is therefore obliged to do this duty and leaves this on Friday. I suppose he told you that Mr. Scott (Chief Justice) returns with a pension of £800 per annum, he is perfectly satisfied with the arrangement and I can truly say that looking forward to a similar provision is more satisfactory than the present elevation and increased salary [to the Speakership of Leg. Assy. at salary of £400 per annum] indeed the latter is scarcely equal to increased expenses for in many instances we must depart from the system of economy which has saved us from ruin.

[22nd Letter]

YORK, OCTOBER 27TH, 1816.

[All family news, Mr. Dickson, Niagara, is mentioned as our very great friend.]

[23rd Letter]

YORK, NOVEMBER 29TH, 1816.

[Complains that letters entrusted Mr. C. Shaw and a parcel all to be delivered at New York appear to have been only partly distributed. Mr. P. objected to sending letters etc. by this gentleman, regarding him as most careless.]

[24th Letter]

[Refers to illness of Mr. Murray's son.]

I have just written to Grant who lives in the country, the sad