

that exceed him in learning, and as soon as the war is over I intend to send him to London. I think that I have interest sufficient to get him into the Navy or Army, whichever he may be most inclined.

Remember me to my mother, David's wife and children and Nehemiah and his wife.

My wife joins me in her heart in wishing you all the happiness that this world can afford you. As for news, we have but little, except the war and France and the concerns thereof, which I trust you are acquainted with.

I am, honoured Sir,
Your affectionate son,
THOMAS MERRITT.

To Thomas Merritt.

Care of Captain Nehemiah Merritt, St. John, New Brunswick.

No. 4.

Niagara, May 20th, 1806.

Dear Brother:—

I have just now an opportunity of writing by Major Chalmers, brother-in-law to Judge Saunders. I have frequently written to you and father and David, but never can hear from you but by chance. I am happy to inform you that we are all well. William and his wife are now at my house, they are also well. My son, William, has written to you and his grandfather; he is a fine boy and out at boarding school. Mary and himself were coming to see you all, and to leave him at Windsor College, but there being so many reports about war with the States, that they are afraid to venture.

I have been High Sheriff about three years, with a salary in one of the first districts in Upper Canada, and hope to do well, unless I should meet with some serious losses. I am told you are married. If so, I wish you a great deal of happiness in a wife.

Please to remember me to her. I should be happy to see her. Tell our good father I have got leave from the Governor to be absent from my several offices for six months, when I trust it will not be long before I will see you all.

My love to David, his wife and children, in the meanwhile I shall be glad to hear from you all.

In haste,
I am, dear brother,
Yours most sincerely,
THOMAS MERRITT.

Mr. Nehemiah Merritt, Merchant, Saint Johns, New Brunswick.