

* * * Mr. Powell came from Niagara this morning, where he has been for some days distributing relief to the sufferers in the war."

(In the list of houses burned at Niagara the name of John Powell referred to in last letter does not appear. The money distributed was raised by the Loyal and Patriotic Society, of which Bishop Strachan was the Secretary. J. C.)

[5th Letter]

YORK, AUGUST 23RD, 1815.

[This letter expresses great anxiety at long and unexpected silence, says letter of latter end of June, was forwarded by Mr. Dickson with "the Post" at Lewiston with assurance of enquiry for any which came to me by that conveyance] * * *

This letter may be long on its way * * * is given to a son of Dr. Kerr, whose journey is in search of health [asks Mr. Murray's kind attention to Mr. Walter Kerr, who may have to go further southward than N.Y. * * * deploras inability to assist a relation] but the recommencement of European contest continues to reduce our ability to procure even the decencies necessary to our station in life, nor can we look forward to the desired period when this reduction will cease to distress us * * * Mr. Powell left us five days ago to take the Eastern Circuit which will be a very long one, John accompanies him, the derangement in his means of subsistence requires the aid this temporary office affords him—indeed I see no chance of recovering from the unfortunate events of the last three years * * * It is said that our good Governor (Gore) and Mrs. Gore are on their way from England but dissatisfaction has so frequently attended our best grounded expectations that we are fearful of encouraging the hope of an event so desirable * * * You will have seen in the papers the death of our respected friend Mr. Cartwright, his valuable life fell a victim to that cruel complaint which carried to the grave his four hopeful children, his only surviving daughter is married to a Captain in the Royal Navy, Capt. Dobbs, a very fine young man, but whose health precludes all hope of a long life, of his three sons the eldest is consumptive, the other two above ten years of age are not free from the threatening of that dreadful malady, but we have hopes that Mrs. Cartwright will remove to this place and that change of air may check the progress of a disease that seems inherent.