

## Letters of Mrs. Powell 1807-1821

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In a blank book of good size and of thin foreign paper are extracts from eighty-eight letters from 1807 to 1821 chiefly dated at York, in the handwriting of the late lamented Mrs. Curzon, copied from the Powell papers in the Reference Library, Toronto, thus headed:

[By permission of the Chief Librarian Toronto Public Library, Jas. Bain, Jr. Esq., who judged the notes might be useful to me as a student of Canadian History.

Notes on Public Affairs taken from private letters by Mrs. Annie Powell, wife of Chief Justice Powell, to her brother, George W. Murray Esq., Merchant, New York.]

These papers were placed in my hands by the wish of the late Miss Curzon, whose tragic death we all deplore, and permission to print them was obtained by me from Dr. Bain. J. C.

YORK, SEPT. 4TH, 1807.

"It is three weeks since I heard from you my dearest brother and everything which varies from general habit induces me to expect a speedy knowledge of what I most hope or most dread. I calculate the time of my husband's departure from England, his probable return from Spain, the necessary detention in London and perhaps betray my ignorance in every one except the first, which from his letter is certain, whether I am right or not it engages my mind in expectation of the desired event of his return and disengages it from dwelling upon those actual sufferings so many exertions have been made to mitigate and relieve. I have endured nearly eighteen months of uncertainty, the first were borne with tranquillity, for they were gilded with the most flattering expectations. At the moment these hopes were so dreadfully terminated, had the next