

letters. Mr. Powell therefore avails * * * We were surprised a fortnight since by the marriage of Miss Crookshank to Dr. Macaulay. Mrs. M. you may remember to have seen just going to Quebec when you were here. She died and left a large and young family, of whom Miss C. has consented to receive a legal right to protect; it is for them a most happy occurrence and I trust her meritorious motive for becoming Mrs. M. will meet its reward not only in the consciousness of having done right, but in the enjoyment of domestic tranquillity. She has long lived in the possession of every elegant indulgence the world can give and was secured from losing them. Mrs. McGill must feel the loss of a sister whose cheerful activity rendered her essential to the comfort of the family. * * * I have not written since we heard from the Governor of his intended resignation on the 1st Oct. I am truly grieved at the determination, indeed his friends are only consoled for their loss by the conviction of his being amply provided for at home; their rich and expensive furniture is now selling, few articles are in my means to purchase, you may judge of the rest when I tell you that a Library Table of Rosewood left with us to take care of is 48 Guineas. The dining tables are 72 guineas and everything in proportion. It gives Dr. Strachan an opportunity of furnishing his most elegant mansion which is the handsomest and largest house in the Province, ours, more humble but more suitable to my wants and wishes is not fitted for such expensive luxuries. * * *

[37th Letter]

YORK, OCTOBER 19TH, 1817

My Dearest Brother

[Recites a sad case of desertion of a young woman by her husband and the fact that twins were born later, a little one of two years their eldest child. Poor woman helped on her way to connections in New York who would send her home to her father a "Coal Meter" on the Thames and of course known to many ship-mates. Deplores poor woman's helpless fate and sends a letter by her to Mr. Murray, proceeds thus] A society was yesterday established upon the basis of the original Scots Society, now termed the Friends to Strangers, the first donation was to this unfortunate woman. Eliza was requested by Dr. Strachan, the Treasurer, to give \$50 to her as the first donation of a society formed by her grandfather, no compliment could be more grateful to my filial reverence. Eliza and Mary with Col. Coffin stood sponsors to the poor infants and this circumstance adds to the interest we take concerning her, Mrs. Irvine * * * Mr. Wood and Mr. G. Crookshank are