

there are in Norwich but I have the greatest confidence in the skill and attention of Mr. Martineau, whose uniform friendship for my father's descendants will secure his best exertions. * * * I think Mr. P. is now on his way out, the Parliament was sitting of course, the public offices were not deserted and as a public and domestic man he knows his own importance too well to delay his return an hour longer than necessary. Eliza goes to Niagara to-day. The Captain of the Toronto has just called to receive his orders from her and she has concluded to sail at sunset. Nothing can exceed the Governor's and Mrs. G's kind attention to every circumstance which can contribute to our comfort. Greatly do we dread military influence and as truly hope that no temptation will induce the Government to place us under its control, but such is the present system that those who wish it frequently report its probability * * * [Deplores serious disaster to relatives in commerce]. Again I wish you were all in this country where the commercial security compensates for the tardiness of accumulating wealth. * * * S. G. has made a very handsome portion, is now gone to France and returns to marry into one of the best families at Quebec indeed in proportion to the population, the late war has made as many fortunes in these provinces as it has marred in the U. S. * * * Mr. Hogan promised to send my packet (for England) from Utica, he was much liked here and may be induced to fix in one of the provinces.

[20th Letter]

YORK, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1815.

My Dearest Brother

I had flattered myself that by this time I should have been enabled to announce to you Mr. Powell's safe arrival at his own humble dwelling and was greatly disappointed when the Toronto returned yesterday with letters for the Governor by the July packet and I received neither letters from nor intelligence of my husband. We have seen that the Courier and the Pacific had arrived at New York in tolerably short passages from Liverpool and as Mr. Powell on the 12th July had reason to imagine the next day's interview with Mr. Goulburn would conclude his business. I was surely not unreasonable in supposing that he would be ready to embark on the 26th the day it is said the latter sailed. I thank you for your kind congratulations; the object attained would be valuable could it have been secured without the expense and fatigue of a personal application:—however, independent of the emoluments (which when compared with increased demands are scarcely a consideration) it was a point of honour to solicit that which has long been considered the