

[78th Letter]

YORK, NOV. 27TH, 1820.

My Dearest Brother

* * * A large party at the Government house on the 23rd where the At Home which is a dress visit of half an hour was transformed into a Ball and Supper and kept us up till between 2 and 3 in the morning, the increase of our Society would surprise you, there were more than thirty well dressed Females and more than a dozen absent, my little girls, [the orphan grandchildren] particularly my dear Mary were delighted with the party, and well they might for they receive the kindest attention from Sir Peregrine and Lady Sarah.

[79th Letter]

YORK, DEC. 21ST, 1820.

[Private. The Jarvises removed from Queenston to Niagara for some little time].

[80th Letter]

YORK, JAN. 10TH, 1821.

My Dearest Brother

Mr. P. is quite well it is now Term time and his more serious labours begin on the 31st when the Legislature meets I wish it was over for it is no trifling consideration that for the next two months I shall have to prepare twice a week to entertain the members of the two Houses, whose united number is at least fifty. Do not suppose I can receive them all at one time, unfortunately my dining room admits of a table for no more than 16 of which our own family are 6.—The House of Assembly is the Brick building which you may remember at the extreme end of the town; it is now repaired after its being burned by the Americans, handsomely furnished, and Grant as Clerk of the Lower House occupies five good apartments besides a large kitchen; it saves him house rent but is attended by inconveniences which he will feel during the confinement of his wife in February or March. John [Powell] has similar apartments at which he stays during the session. Mr. Jarvis is Clerk in Chancery and as such attends the house. He will stay with us. Mary wisely determined to remain at home * * * the season has been a very severe one but some pleasant weather, good sleighing. Everything here is cheap beyond belief: My servant just brought from market a Turkey weighing 15 lbs. which cost 5 N.Y Cy. I have paid \$2 for one of 5 lbs. the finest pork is \$4 and 4½ per cwt. Flour che-