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I have indulged the hope that some effort of fortune would gratify them. I no longer look forward to such a possibility * * * In this country, probably in this place will be the closing scene — My most earnest prayer is for permission to retain my usefulness to the last hour.

April 25th. The want of conveyance has detained this and I open it to say that I have received yours of the 22nd March on the 24th of this month * * * I send this by Kingston, as yet no nearer to us, if you will direct yours for me to the care of Major Glegg, Dep Adgt. Gen., Kingston, it will be forwarded immediately by express."

[This letter is addressed as usual to George W. Murray, Esq., Merchant, New York, and is marked on the left hand lower margin "single sheet" on the upper left hand margin is written "Ogdensburg, N.Y., May 13th" and at the right upper margin 39, probably the amount of postage. The sheet is lawyer's foolscap size, unruled and is written 47 lines of thirteen words to the page in a small clear hand, both the top and bottom fold of the paper on the address page is closely written upon, the manner of folding letters admitting of this economy. The letter was wafered but a great blotch of red sealing wax upon the same spot indicates opening which may have been done by the writer herself, as shown by the shrinking of the wafer in doing it having been steamed soft to open for last words.]

[4th Letter]

YORK, JUNE 30TH, 1815.

My Dearest Mother

I have been greatly at a loss to account for your silence and began to fear that the circuitous route I was obliged to adopt for my letters had been an unsafe one. Yours of the 1st has just reached me in a cover from Mr. Clarke and sets my mind at rest respecting the fate of the first. I will hope a few days longer will ascertain that of the last and I should have waited had I not been desirous to lose no time in saying that the post to Niagara had been re-established, therefore letters to me directed to the care of Thos. Dickson, Esq., Queenston will meet with neither delay nor danger * * * This information (private) and the difficulty of a passage to Quebec had decided Anne to relinquish her intention of going to England that way.

You ask the distance from Kingston to this place, it is 140 miles, but except on horse back the roads are impassable for traveling. The American Vessels are constantly passing up and down.