

LETTERS, &c.

LETTER I.

Young Street, York, Upper Canada,
February 7, 1832.

MY DEAR SISTER,

I now take the pleasure of writing you and stating our welfare. We are in perfect health, and most sincerely hope this will find you in the same condition. We like the country much better than we did at first, *because in this province an honest and industrious mechanic will always earn more than in England, and by a prudent course of conduct may soon become independent. George gets 7s 6d. Canada Currency per day*, in the summer season, but during the winter little work in his line of business (bricklaying) is to be had. We have no intention of an immediate return to England, *because in this beautiful colony of the British Empire industry and honesty will at all times procure a comfortable living. The taxes are very trifling*, and lands may be purchased at a moderate rate. We like most old country people, are, and ever will continue to be, affectionately attached to our friends and our native land. We may perhaps return to England, or should it prove otherwise, we shall be very glad to see our friends here, but desire to be distinctly understood to invite none, because they might after arrival feel dissatisfied with the manners and habits of the country, and thereby censure us for our good intentions. In a letter to you, dear Sister, we are to be understood as stating the language of truth.

If any of our friends should come to this country, we are of opinion *they would shew but little or no inclination to return to England, because here we have peace and plenty, and (which we sincerely lament to observe by the public prints) is not the case with you.*

If you shall receive this letter, my dear Sister, write to your Father and Mother, also to my Father and Mother, transmitting this letter, and desiring all our Friends (and we love them affectionately) to pay the inland postage of their letters to us, or to get them franked.

Such letters as your friends and mine wish to direct to us, you will have the goodness to send to Miss Emma Trew at Mr. G. Halsted's Walberton, as that young lady is expected to arrive at Quebec in the Spring, likewise respectfully desiring all letters for us to be addressed to the care of Thomas