

Should you come by water, Captain Walton will give you every direction how to proceed and the cheapest mode.

People often wish to work their passage to this place, for he assured that the Mohawk boatmen are as great rogues and jockeys as ever you were acquainted with, but I trust by this time you have your eye teeth cut.

Bring us all the latest papers you can, from every place.

Give my compliments to all enquiring friends.

Dear Brother,
Believe that I am,
Yours most truly,
THOMAS MERRITT.

N. B.—Captain Vanderburgh and many other of your acquaintance are living here.

No. 2.

Niagara, Upper Canada, August 20, 1800.

Dear Brother:—

This comes by a gentleman of my particular acquaintance, Mr. William Gamble, from this place, who, I hope, you will have the good luck to fall in with, who can be of infinite service to you, on the route to Canada, and can give you every information respecting my family and the country.

Should you, in New York or elsewhere, light on a good woman and man servant, pray bring them on for us, and I will gladly pay the expenses.

If you come by water, bring a griddle and a dutch wheat fan. You can get them at Schenectady.

Pray, wherever you get this letter, write back to New Brunswick and let father know that I and family are well, also William and family.

I trust you will so arrange your business as to remain with us a year, if not longer. Polly, Caroline and Hamilton (afterwards the Hon. W. H. Merritt) beg to be remembered to you.

I wish you health and safe arrival at Niagara.

Yours,
THOMAS MERRITT.

Mr. Nehemiah Merritt,
Care of Brace & Morrison, New York,
Per favor Mr. Gamble.

Mr. Merritt, having been an officer in Colonel Simcoe's regiment, the Queen's Rangers, during the Revolutionary struggle, was well taken care of, when the Colonel received his commands to proceed to Canada