

frequently suffers, but still more to increasing regret for unkindness to one who merited and I believe possessed her best affections—for many months subsequent to the dreadful loss we sustained on the 13th Oct. 1812, I feared no time would restore her tranquillity, the generous bequest of our late lamented friend was a proof of his regard which she could not but feel a reproach for her capricious conduct, but these are statements I have never hinted to her—the good sense she possessed and the vivacity of her feeling rendered it unnecessary, and the subject is ever carefully avoided.

(This reference was not understood till explained by the kindness of Æmilius Jarvis, Esq., who states that Miss Mary Powell, who afterwards married Samuel Peters Jarvis, the son of Mr. Secretary Jarvis, was previously engaged to Col. McDonnell, Attorney General of Upper Canada, and Aid-de-Camp to Sir Isaac Brock. A later letter refers to this marriage. J.C.)

[The schools and nunneries of Montreal are animadverted upon in connection with sending an orphan grandchild Mary, to some school for accomplishments.]

John Powell since his return has lived with his wife and child in an apartment at Mr. Shaw's, they are now removed to our immediate neighborhood and he goes in a few days to see if the ruins of his dwelling at Niagara admit of such reparation as will shelter them for the summer.

Grant, as Surgeon of the Incorporated Militia, passed the last campaign on the frontier and caught the Lake fever which though conquered at the moment has been attended with a very serious liver complaint, he is just now convalescent, but I fear his constitution has suffered a shock not likely to be overcome. He with his wife and two daughters live in a very comfortable house. The discharge of the Regiment reduces his means to £200 per annum, as clerk to the House of Assembly to which he succeeded after the 27th April, 1813, when his predecessor was killed in defence of this post, [Young Allan Maclean]” Thus have I given you an account of us * * * although it is not indicative of prosperity or comfort, that we have been preserved to struggle through the difficulties which surrounded us is more than we have frequently anticipated and for which we are grateful to the Giver of all Good. An hour before the intelligence of Peace reached us we had determined to abandon our all here and seek bread and quietness in the only country that promised to afford them, to that Beloved Country my wishes ever incline and until now