

with him—he will be of any Use to you he can—But how the important business of my Family's coming to me, is to be accomplished I am yet totally at Loss & as I can find out no method from this side, am afraid it must altogether depend upon the exertions of yourself and friends in New York.—at present I can think of no way so probable as getting Robt. Bowne, Mr. Polock, or some such Friends or rather your good Brother interesting himself, or some of his Friends to find out what Vessels are coming to Port Roseway or Halifax This Spring, for I think undoubtedly there will be several & to hire a good Cabbin, sufficient to accommodate the Family in a good safe Vessel of not less than 80 or 100 Tons Burthen, with proper Berths fitted up & Conveniences & Room enough reserved in the Hold for whatever you bring with you—This will be expensive, but must be submitted to & the sooner the Enquiry about the Vessel is made the better—If you can get one to Port Roseway or Liverpool it will best suit, if not, to Halifax at either of which Places I will take care that you have friends to pay you every attention & Civility—If I can learn that you are bound to Roseway, shall endeavour to meet my dearest Friend there—As the Weather is fine & moderate on this Coast from the middle of April I would urge your embarking if you can between that time & the middle of May—your old acquaintance Mr. Tom Ludlow has been at Liverpool all winter, 12 miles from here but we have not met—several Messages have passed between us & lately he sent me word that he should pretty soon go to York & Convey any letters&c, &c—upon which I wrote him expressing a great desire to see him & an invitation to spend a few days with me—I recently received a *friendly* letter from him with an *assurance* that he will not leave the Province without calling on me & by him I shall write & say everything very particular& send by him or Col. Molleson abot. 20 guineas, by which you may suppose I have received my Pay from Halifax—in my last I desired you might bring with you some good well seasoned Boards either 2 or 3000 feet, as your Finances may admit, also 2000 Bricks ; 1 Hhd. at least of good Lime, these are indispensable in Nova Scotia & not to be had—also Hams & smok'd Beef, dried Tongues, ax handles, good Rum even 1 Bbl, if you could & *some* wine these are very dear here—Cooper's ware—I would advise your getting some good rush bottom'd Chairs 8 or 10, in preference to others as they are harder & take less room: I am getting $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Camp Stools made. Any Tables except pine ones should have boxes made to pack them & then a great deal may be put *within them*, as all *such* Things are sure of being wrecked otherwise—indeed everything ought to be well secured—our Living here is pretty good. We have several times been supplied with good Beef & Mutton excellent dried Cod & Herring which are far superior to yours. We have Hares; Pheasants; wild Geese and Ducks—on a moderate day, a mile & a half distance is a fine Lake in which we take plenty of fine Trout, by cutting a Hole in the Ice and letting down a Line & Hook—a Gent—caught one day 33 G. four of us caught 60 another day—no bad Fare—Our Society is quite agreeable & sociable without being expensive—We have the addition of the officers of a Man of War which has laid here the winter, among which is a Son of Lord Dartmouth—They have dined with me & I on board with them—There is a small Schooner here from Boston with very fine Beef—11 coppers 1 lb.

6th. March—A Storm of Snow 1 foot deep yesterday prevented the persons from setting out as intended, but they go today—when I wrote the within, my Thumb pain'd me a little from a small cut which has since fester'd & been so very painful That I could not hold my Pen but it is now a little better to admit my scratching a few more lines to my dearest Friend—I deem it most unfortunate as I wished to say a great deal—Oh, my Love how heart-aching is this long & Tedious Separation, but I flatter myself two months more will give us as happy a meeting as we have ever experienced—May God preserve your Health & prolong your days to receive a Thousand proofs of my lasting Love & affection for you and my ever dear good Children, who I hope will be a comfort & support to us in our old age & be a greater Treasure to us than all on Earth besides—Do not my Molly suffer your Fear & Apprehensions of the sea to prevail over you too far—There is not believe me half the danger you think—several Vessels not larger than *Monts* Boat have weathered all the most violent storms & arriv'd safe in Nova Scotia—It is said many Vessels & People are coming from York this spring, therefore I would have you engage your passage