

length of time after its arrival * * * When Mr. Jarvis was in New York he brought some very excellent cotton stockings at \$7 or \$7½ per doz. I very much want 2 doz. of that description, he does not remember where he purchased them only that it was in some bye lane. I likewise send a pattern of silk, begging my sister to procure if possible a full gown pattern of figured silk of the same or nearly the same color [pattern is a thin flat sarsnet of a dark dove grey] If none such can be had a nankeen figured crape of the colour—if neither of these, a black figured silk or black figured nankeen crape, about 13 yards each of two different kinds of washing silks for the children and if they can be put into a box a doz pairs of white and as many cheap coloured long gloves, it will save me many dollars in the course of the year * * * Mr. P. has got through his late arduous duties wonderfully well; he is now enveloped in papers and much engaged in reading the documents laid before the Parliament relative to the contest between the Northwest Company and the Earl of Selkirk: it has fallen to his lot to prove the want of dependence on his Lordship's veracity, and the proofs are too well authenticated to admit of doubt: his Lordship sunk the character of the British Peer when he became a speculator and the loss of health peace and credit is the sacrifice * * *

* (Poor Lord Selkirk who fought so bravely through so many years against multiplied misfortunes, dangers and difficulties, floods frosts and famine, Indians, grasshoppers, Northwest Company, in his attempt to found a colony and who spent a fortune in the attempt is here rather harshly spoken of. Dent. Dr. Boyce and Kingsford give varying accounts and a pamphlet printed in 1817 in London gives the North West Company's version of the story. J. C.)

[71st Letter]

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[Chiefly Private]

* * * I enclose a memorandum from Mr. Cameron, who is Mr. Gore's agent here. The Lions mentioned are most stupendous and magnificent but only calculated to be placed at the corner of stone or marble steps to adorn: they cost 70 guineas in England and I do not wonder at our good friend's anxiety to know their fate: and I hope you will be able to ascertain it * * *

[72nd Letter]

[From Miss Anne Powell to her uncle Mr. G. W. Murray New York. Private, painful affairs, dated on outside York, April, 1820] Rec'd. 27th.]