

ernment not to allow of an immediate succession in a family gave the Secretaryship to another. Devotion to the comfort of his widowed mother and to obtain education for his only unmarried sister with uniform exertion to conquer the embarrassments of his late father have united to abridge his means: he is now private Secretary to the Administration but as a few days will probably bring our new Governor this may cease: however it gives him a claim to some provision and I am satisfied that whatever can, will be done to serve him and I hope they may be enabled to form a decent establishment without being taxed with imprudence. Debts he never has and never will incur, a lesson has been taught him by witnessing the misery to which * * have been exposed by an indulgence in this unhappy propensity * * Except from Julia Claus's verbal intelligence I have had no intelligence respecting you, a letter from Anne on Saturday by Major Hillier, Sir Perigrine Maitland's A.D.C. she was at Woolwich on a visit at Col. Pilkington's * * expect the new Governor the day after to-morrow * * the heat has been beyond anything ever experienced here, the thermometer has been as high as 112 in the shade on the north side of the house and although that was only for one day its effects were very seriously felt, the mornings and evenings are now so cool that * * expect much sickness * * Tell Anne that on Saturday evening Capt. Atty was married to Miss Eliza Crookshank. They go by N. Y. to New Brunswick in the coming month * * Charlotte Shaw is to stay with Mr. McGill, Mrs. Fuher is dead and Mrs. Shaw has retired to Oak Hill with her two orphan nephews.

* (This was one of the famous duels in early times here, and was fought July 12th, 1817, between Samuel Peters Jarvis and John Ridout, the latter was killed, and the former imprisoned for some time. J. C.)

[50th Letter]

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My Dearest Brother

Yours of the 10th August was 21 days on its way
* * Mr Powell is now on the Western Circuit, the last commission opens to-morrow at Sandwich, when his presence could not be dispensed with, as the cause between Lord Selkirk and the North West company comes before the court * * I have had the honor of seeing Lady Sarah Maitland and found her a most unaffected woman perfectly affable and desiring to be on easy terms of ac-