

change of climate is recommended for her and her twins who are threatened with a malady so fatal to her numerous family. I think she will take them to Ireland with her daughter and son-in-law Capt. and Mrs. Dobbs.

[33rd Letter]

YORK, AUG. 12th.

My Dearest Brother

* * * * Mr. Powell is on the Circuit: you will be surprised to hear that I was gratified with a visit from our friend Mr. Clarke of Montreal, which though but a few hours was a satisfaction which I had never dared to contemplate; he came up with the Commissary General, dined with us, went to Niagara, returned on the steam boat, staid a few hours and returned to Kingston. Mr. Powell went by the same conveyance and by that means had the pleasure of his society, which was denied to me: you will readily imagine that we neither recognized the other, the loss of teeth and complexion prevented my immediately knowing my first Canadian friend, and you know the change effected on your sister by the long term of twenty-eight years during which period her couch has not been strewn with roses * * * *

I hear nothing from Col. Coffin but think the steamboat tomorrow will either bring him, or tidings of him. I am the more anxious to see him that we may learn what foundation the editor of the Albany Argus could have for the disgraceful paragraph respecting our Governor, I know the impetuosity of his Excellency's temper but cannot think it would lead him to merit the epithets so liberally or rather so illiberally bestowed upon him; the more so as Mrs. Gore's unbounded influence is always exerted to calm undue irritation * * * We sat by a good fire the 8th and 9th of August.

[34th Letter]

YORK, AUG. 31st, 1817

My Dearest Brother

Mr. Powell is on Circuit still but lamenting that he had been persuaded that the business of the Court would occupy an unusual long period; by which means he has taken three weeks longer time than necessary. John is with him and he says will make a very profitable circuit as independent of liberal allowance for travelling expenses the Clerk of Assize has fees upon all Court causes.

I have letters from our sister by the June packet * * * a