

Halifax Nov 18th 1831

Dear Brother, I received your letter from
the Deacon Mrs Kelly which gives me the
greatest pleasure to hear of your health and
wellfare as well as that of your progress in
learning I hope this letter will find you and
father and mother sisters and Brothers all
in good health as it leaves me at present
thanks be to God for all his mercies to me
Dear father there are many people at home
that think if the Capt G. America that they
would want for nothing they suppose they could
live comfortable perhaps like gentlemen
but depend on it they are far mistaken Dear
father I have had an opportunity of travelling
some hundreds of miles through this province
as it was sent by the Governor on a tour
of discretion in search of Quercus I visited
the whole of the province of Nova Scotia I also
lay in the island of Cape Breton for 12 months
So I consider that I have more knowledge
and know more about America than people
who have been in it for a number of years
I can compare the parts of America that
that I have been through to nothing but a
wilderness full of trees and stones and wild beasts
in my travels I was once benighted and the only
way we had to save ourselves ^{from the bears} was by climbing
in to the top of a tree the inhabitants are very
thinly scattered through country Dear father on
the 2^d of July eight hours before we embarked
for Halifax my Cousin Richards kept and another

of the party, deserted. And i have never
heard any thing of him since Dear Brother
you mention about my uncle Royal and Edward
Fletcher coming to America last spring, But i have
had any account from them i saw an account in
the papers here about vessel being lost coming
from Ireland in the spring of the year there was 300
passengers on board out of all there was only 30
one of the survivors, names was Mary Key Dear
Brother you say father complains of me ^{not} working
But believe me i have wrote several times he just
i left Ireland But never receiv'd a letter from any
of you before this which ^{was} really believed to me
Dear father please to write to me as soon as you can
this letter and let me know all particulars ^{of the Colony} i have
Nothing more particular to mention Provisions takes
as follows Beef and mutton are from 3^d to 4^d
per lb, Bread 3^d per lb Potatoes 1 Shilling per
Bushel or 3^d per Stone Tobacco 10 pence per
lb 8^d per gallon Dear father there is scarcely
a day passes But there ^{are} some accidents happens
from drink some going mad some people ^{at} the
then ^{with} drink i drink being freely
my self after i came to the Country ^{and}
But seeing so many accidents happen from drink
i have quit it all together if i am spared
for 4 years more so can have my Discharge
and 6 months pay if i like to leave the
Service Sergeant Fletcher and family is
all well Give my love to all my Brothers
and sisters And to all Enquiring friends

None at present but remains
Affectionate Son Johnston Keep
till death

Directions
to Johnston Keep Pt
Salisbury 31/1/18

1000 100 100
Else where

From Johnston Keys at 34th Regt report No 100

Dr

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Marmora Nov. 9th 1834.

My Dear Sister this favorable opportunity of writing gives me
 to you to let you know that we are all in good state of health at
 present thanks be to god for all his Mercies & as usual the same
 these lines will find you in the same state of health as this time was
 at present. Dear Brother being you know that I received your kind
 Letter of the 27th of May in the 1st of August which gave me much
 Pleasure to hear of you being all well. Dear Brother ~~brother~~ and
 amidst my large family of children when I parted you and I have not
 many of them with me now. Debella was Married on the 23rd of March
 1832 to her Cousin from Peltigo and lives on a lot of land in Marmora within
 two miles of us that she Purchased some was Married on the 10th of
 May 1833 to a man of the name of Hugh Jones from beside Colonel Location
 in the County of Tommonagh and has two lots of land in Marmora and
 a lot up near York he lives uncommonly well it is on one of his places we
 live near this three years back Hugh was Married on the 15th of June 1833
 to a woman the name of Graham from near Balihannon and he is living
 on a lot of land 3 1/2 Miles from me a place called New Township of Tyndinaga
 Government have Purchased it from the Indians last year they have not yet
 surveyed yet and it is all taken up and settled on already and they do not
 know what the purchase will cost to get it is within 15 Miles of Belleville
 which is our nearest place of Market Dalley was Married on the 1st of February
 1834 to a man of the name of Andrew Gaulty from the County of Tommonagh near
 Nocha and he has a lot of land which he lives on in the Township
 of Marmora about 6 Miles from me and he lives very well to John
 bought 50 Acres of Land last year from my son-in-law Hugh Jones in Marmora
 and there was a good House on it and some clearance he is within about
 one half mile of me living at present then four of my Children can go and
 stay a piece of time with each and return home the same day to my own
 place. But Dear Brother I am going on a lot of wild land now I have a house
 raised on it and some clearing done on it at present it is along side of
 my son John's place its extent to about 5 Acres this winter and I hope it
 will be good. Dear Brother my son Hugh wanted his Mother and me to go
 to live to him and his Mother would not go so far from her Daughters it would
 have been very kind of going on account of it being near Belleville and the land
 so very good it is allowed to be as good land as in the province of Upper Canada
 Hugh has a Chop and cleared 15 acres and have it all under fall wheat
 this fall within one year he is doing uncommonly well indeed and he this
 summer helping him to log of the timber and burn them and I put up for
 the work for him. Dear Brother we have only the want of Market we
 have many profits here Dear Brother last March I sent out to the woods
 and I made with the assistance of Mary I made three hundred pounds

Heights of Niagara in about two weeks and abouel of Vinigae and Log of
Mollasse or Tracle called there and we can Make pot ashes and soap
of the timber after that we have only the want of Market we could live
Near forty well only to work hard Summer and winter in winter we must be
out looking when the snow will be four or five feet deep and there will be
Icebergs hanging to our Whiskers but we eat and drink well good beef and
pork three times each day and potatoes bread butter and tea but dear Brother
we have no money here the best farmer in the Country must when he is going
out a Journey he must take wheat tea or oats or some such Commodity to bear
his Expense in the tedious traveling we will not see one Shilling in the Course
of a year the trade and town and give orders from one to another for any dealings
in place of money Dear Brother Catherine lived Eighty miles from me since
the Come to america to last spring she Come to Belleisle and is hired there
since she have 5. per week all the time since she Come to America
she is as good a servant as in all America and uncommonly wife she is now
thirty six miles from me my wife always with me
Dear Brother I can raise Potatoes plenty to support us and fat six hogs and
and feed six or eight stone pigs each year and wheat and peas and beef
as many Cows or young Cattle as please to keep without any Cost of buying
for Land or buying better Grazed than the would be in the Generals den south
had a year old half bred this Summer so that a young Man or young
Woman can live very well here if the be Industrious and behave themselves
I thank my god that there could not be said black was the Eye on ^{any of our children} ~~our~~
heads since the Come to America Dear Brother it was your prayers that
but you need not fear that Dear Brother we had every fine wheat Crop this
year there was but an indifferent Crop of potatoes our account of former years and
some dry harvest there was in many places a great deal of Damage done by the
Drooth the severe heat of the weather killed free and burned many houses
and fences and destroyed the islands very much I had every fine potatoe Crop
this year and have them raised since the last of September I have three hundred
Bushels of potatoes and each Bushel contain four Stone weight wheat is sold
at from 4. to 6. per Bushel Potatoes 2. per Bushel rice 2. to 6. per Bushel peas
2. per Bushel Beef 4. per Stone Mutton the same pork or sold from ten
to fourteen Dollars per Barrel which carry two hundred pounds of pork
Dear Brother we have an Election going on at present in Belleisle and the
Methodist is striving to put in Methodist Members to strive to take the Clergy
Lands from the High Church of England Ministers which I fear the will and
Bull donors our Church it is thought it will raise a rebellion here

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William Lloyd
County of Jefferson
State of Va.

1864

Wm. Lloyd

Mamora \$th October 1842

Dear Brother I have received your Welcome Letter bearing Date August the
23rd which gave me much pleasure to hear of you all Enjoying good health
Letting you know that we are all well as present thanks be to god
for his mercies to us unworthy Sinners. Letting you know that recovery
of my Illness thanks be to god for it. Dear Brother I thank god I have
better news than I had at home concerning Thomas for he is in my place
at present he had a favorable Passage of 29 Days to Quebec he then
took western boat passage to Montreal and arrived safe there then took
passage from Montreal to Kingston on the steamboat called the steam
-rock to his loss and he came up the Canal 9 Miles to Lashon and
then the eastern boat took 3 Schooners to tow up the River St. Lawrence she had
got but 11 Miles up when one of her boilers burst and the vessel flew
into pieces and the greater part of the crew went out of the bottom of her into
the Ocean Thomas were locked down with part of the boat that struck him
on the head and one stroke on his side so soon as he got up again there
was part of the boat on his one and attending and he got hold of the best
boards and he stayed there a little time and he leaped out of that onto
one of the Schooners that was steaming behind the steamboat with
-side and there was not one got in there but him and one girl that
floated into her there was 9th Pauls Passengers in her and there
was but very few saved their lives but he lost any thing he had with him
then the owner of the ^{top Mastie and Co} boat had their names all enrolled in his shipmens
book what was found of them all he published in the newspapers but
Thomas went on on the schooner and was published last along with the
rest and I got the newspaper and seen his name there and I do assure you
was out of my head about it for a considerable time after I wrote after
home to you concerning it and I allowed you to write and let one know
what was by the name of Thomas Tully but thanks be to god he is still
alive and well he got to Thomas Tully and Catherine Ellen near
Prescott in the Township of Argente and stopped there one month
and then proceeded to Belleville and then to Tyendinaga to Hugh

He stayed with Hugh better than five weeks he bought him a coat
and then he come up to see me but he will not stop he is going
away on the 6th Inst. to Prescott he says to stop this winter and he says
he will go in the spring of the year to the state of new York to Richard
against my wishes for it do not fit any person that is fond of a quiet Country
he never will be worth advising so long as he comes about through America
If you write to him any time before my next Direct to Thomas says
I should ~~very~~ joyfully hope you will write as soon as possible to one
Mormon and let me know how all my friends do and all my
old neighbours are getting along though that open Country for winter
is all open by laboriousness but thanks be to god we have no such
thing here we have plenty to eat and drink and something to wear
Dear Brother I have 40 Acres of Land cleared and do not pay more
than 6. 6 of taxes as yet in the year and can raise as good crops
of every kind as you can in Coddings of it we have reason to be thankful
to god for his mercies to us that delivered us out of that open Country but
as for my part I never will encourage any one to come here as it
would not do so well with them as I have done I shall nothing to
keep me there but keep making money for other people that would
not thank me for it so that I am glad if it in reasonable time if the
Lord permits me health I can make good living here I Dear Brother
Thomas says Tom and Catherine Allen was very kind to him you may
let their people know that they are well and live in the township of
near Prescott (Dear father let red Jack Armstrong of Tubers know I see
his son William in Montreal and is well and Patrick Corrigan of
the Castle Hill and the treated him as well as he could wish for
to be treated I Dear Brother my Children are all well at present
and what is in Mormon sends their love to you all in the

Most Affectionate Mother that is Dorothy John May and three
Lives in Mamma Hugh Isabella and Catherine Lives in London
Which is 56 Miles from me but we hear from them regular which satisfies
us much & Dear Brother is thankful for your present that is the
News paper you sent me but is as greatly troubled about you not
writing sooner thought you were dead I have wrote many letters
since received any from none since October last & Dear Brother
You will be so good as to go to Thomas Paine of the City
send my love to him and request of the Advers of a letter to Uncle Benjamin
Franklin that come to America and you can send it in your
Letter to me I wish to write to him and wish to be remembered to all
my friends and acquaintances in that Country

My Wife and family joins me with their best
respects to you all and please remember us to each
and every one of you. And may God Almighty bless
and protect you all and if it be not our lot to meet
on this earth I hope we will have happy to part no more

Please write when this comes to hand
So no more at presents from your Ever Affectionate
Brother till Death

Royal King