

Dear James,

Kingston. Nov. 8th. 1803.

I rec^d your letter; the Inclosure was forwarded, the morning after it came to hand, by A. Mr. Lean, who will reach York about Sunday next. — A sudden opportunity offers, to day, to send Mary to Montreal, under the care of Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton, late Publicans at Queensdown; this being the last Boat expected this Fall, we were under the necessity of sending her sooner than we otherwise would have wished. Of course, she must remain with Mr. Reid till she can with Convenience & Propriety, be delivered into Mr. Mountain's hands. She will remain there, till she hears from you. And indeed, I must depend wholly on you to have her removed to Quebec, when, and how you find most expedient and proper. The Bishop said, she could not be received, until they should occupy winter Quarters. However, this year, we can arrange with Mr. Mountain. I happened to be almost without Cash; but I have given her a Couple of Halfpence, which will serve her Purpose, till you receive her. I need not say, that her Expenditures at Quebec must be regulated by you. Therefore, whatever small Articles of Dress ~~which~~ Mr. Mountain recommends, you will procure, and have them charged to me. The money, I can remit, by Post, during the winter. I have written to Mr. Reid, saying, that she must be under the Guidance of Mr. R. until you can have her removed, either by Land or Water, as Circumstances Determine.

George & his wife, with Charles, arrived here Friday was a week in good Health & Spirits. She is very small, but, I think he has made a judicious Choice. The Family is respectable; and, if I may judge by the Baggage (two Cart Loads) he must have made a pretty good Bargain in a worldly Sense. Indeed, we have every Reason to approve of his Choice. Their Baggage is on Board the Toronto, the wind fair, although not strong enough to induce the Captain to sail. — However, this Situation, respecting them & Mary, has put my Spirits in such Agitation, that I cannot write as much as I would have done in more quiet Circumstances. — If I have another Opportunity before the winter sets in, I will give you Particulars.

Mary will write to you, as soon as she arrives at Montreal.

I am, Dear James,

Your affectionate Father
W. Stuart

P.S. - you will apologize to Mr. Mountain for your Mother's not writing.
when George is gone, her Spirit will be collected enough to thank her
for her civility, and to say what is proper. - J. S.