

TUESDAY 12 July - set off this morning for <sup>(37)</sup>  
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- knew every one on the road, man woman and child  
stopped at every house and drank a gl of whisky;  
for the first few miles the roads were tolerable.  
~~that~~ we soon went into what is here called the bush  
but, nor bush, nor bramble have I seen since I  
have been in America. - It is a road cut thro'  
the trees from Dundas to Guelph (a distance of  
thirty miles) and left to rot on each side the road:  
fine timber as ever grew. - The timber still growing  
on each side the road as thick as they can stand  
the finest I ever saw sometimes ~~was~~ 3 or 4 very  
large trees growing from one stem, and to an  
extraordinary height, much higher than any  
I ever saw in England. - now <sup>came</sup> ~~was~~ the worst  
part of our whole journey; crossing the Atlantic  
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worse than you can ~~have~~ have any idea of.  
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hills, trees laid across the road as close as they  
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two hundred yards; the carriage jolting of one  
to another seem as if it would shake your whole  
~~and~~ frame out of joint; - we got within 7 miles  
of Guelph about 8 or 9 o'clock where ~~to~~ we stopped  
for the night. This have been the most unluckly  
day for losing our articles we lost our Tin bottle  
it cost three shillings; and Andrews Coat;  
value about five shillings.

Wednesday 13 July - set off again this morning about 6 o'clock p. 2/0 for lodgings and Rhubarb & Pye. - got to Guilph about 8 o'clock saw Mr Martin, and George Bates and Mr Pipe, as soon as we entered the town. Had an invitation from Geo Bates & Mr Pipe to their houses which were both close by, went with Geo. Bates. ~~He~~ paid the carrier - discovered another loss this afternoon, had a two dollar note, and have paid it away for one, either to the carrier or the woman where we slept last night. - However we are got near our journey's end. Hope to see Augustus tomorrow; and then I hope no more ticks upon travellers. -

Thursday 14 July - set off to find Augustus <sup>and Felix</sup> this morning; Augustus about 9 miles distant, and Felix 13 upon the same road. found them both without any trouble. Felix had the ague but it appeared to <sup>be</sup> going off Augustus was well. we laid plans for future proceedings, but could not determine upon any thing. - I am in hopes we shall get on very well as Felix have a yoke of good young Oxen now fit for work; and Augustus have wages due to him from several people ~~was~~ <sup>are</sup> from whom he can have <sup>or</sup> cows, <sup>or</sup> hogs, <sup>or</sup> sheep, <sup>or</sup> flour, <sup>or</sup> meat <sup>or</sup> butter, <sup>or</sup> cheese & articles which altho' they have not wanted, (as they boarded, were they wrought off, if we can get land, will be as valuable as money.

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**Diary of Benjamin Freure, p. 37**

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