

*From John and Caroline Dearling, who emigrated to Upper
Canada, in 1833, in the Ship England, sent out by the
Petworth Committee.*



Waterloo, July 15th. 1833.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I now take the opportunity to write to you again, but am almost ashamed, as I neglected it so long; but I hope this will find you all in good health, as it leaves us at present, thank God for it. Now, my dear brother I must say, as our aged parents are no more, I must tell you, all the potatoes you sent us, we had two gallons and $\frac{1}{2}$ grow. I am in hopes we shall have a good many this year, they look well now. I must tell you what happened on the 9th. September, I was comfortably confined with a son, by a Dutch midwife, and a nice woman she is. We call our little Canadians, Hannah, and John, as you said you did not understand what her name was. Now I will tell you of the wheat sown last fall, 9 acres, and all looking very prosperous. We received a letter from John's dear father, January 8th. We also received a letter on the 15th. April. On the 17th. I was taken bad with my eye, it was very bad for 5 weeks. You say in your letter you will come and be bailey for us, but I think you had better come, and help do the hard work, for if the hard work was done, we could bailey for ourselves. We have 3 acres rye, $3\frac{1}{2}$ of oats, 2 of peas, 1 acre of spring wheat, 1 acre of potatoes. It was a backward spring, but every thing grows fast. We have six hogs, and I am hobbing a heifer calf. I have 34 chickens. I think the farmer will be

to find fault before harvest. John have been very busy for to do the spring work; now he have finished his chopping for this year; he has 7 acres chopped, but not any burnt off, for it is very showery weather at present, and very hot indeed, hotter than ever it has been since we have been here. Dear brother, we have heard in William Rapson's letter, that our aged parents was no more. I have been waiting for a letter from you, day after day, and have no letter yet, as you said you would send as soon as there was a change. Pray tell me how my dear father felt before he departed this life, and my dear mother also. I hope we shall all meet again at the right hand of God. Tell me all you can, go to John's friends, ask them to send the particulars of his father's death, and how they all are. Give our love to brother James, and Jane, and family, tell him I often wish I had him here, that we might have a cup of tea together, but we live very comfortable, we are no ways home-

sick yet. Remember us to all our friends and relations, I hope they are all well. I hope, dear brothers, when this letter reaches your hand, you will set down and write immediately, if you have not, and I will do the same. Dear sister Jane, I hope you will join with my brother in writing, and tell me all you can. Give our love to Mr. Tribe, tell him Phoebe grows tall and thin, she is sitting making her a new frock, as I am writing by candle light, so you must excuse my bad writing. Phoebe has been living in Galt, now she is going to be at home until after harvest. James is living in Preston, with Scotch people. Jane looks very pale, but enjoys a good state of health. Caroline grows very much like her poor grandfather. Give our respects to Mr. and Mrs. Rapson, tell them I saw James just before I set down to write, his face has been very bad, it is now better; the family is in good health. William and Thomas, their family is all well. Give our love to all our old neighbours. Tell us if you have ever heard of Daniel Smith, and where he is, if you know. You have heard of the death of poor George Thair. We have had a meeting ever since his funeral, some times every two weeks, and three weeks, they are Englishmen that preach and good men they appear to be, they preach in the house that we lived in, they are Methodists but it makes no difference, what religion we are: I think, it is very proper we should have some one to read the word of God. I must now conclude with the blessing of God. We remain your ever loving brother and sister,

JOHN & CAROLINE DEARLING.

To JOHN FRANCIS,
Lodsworth.

*From Charles Rapley, who emigrated from Kirdford, Sussex,
and was sent by the Petworth Committee, in 1832, by the
Ship Lord Melville.*

Springs Farm, No. 19. 5 Con. South of the
Egremont Road, Adelaide, U. C.

October 14th. 1838.

Dear Father, and Mother, Brothers, and Sisters, Friends,
and Relations all,

I hope this will find you all in good health, as it leaves us at present, thank the Lord. Elizabeth is living out about 3 miles from me, and is doing very well. Sophy is living with me, keeping my house, As you are now fast

advancing in years, if you are not doing well, and have no better prospect than the parish, I should be very glad for you to come here, and live with me. I have 100 acres of land, and have enough of it cleared, and things enough around me, to maintain myself without going out to work at all; and I continue clearing more; and I will keep you as long as I live, if I live. If my brother Thomas wishes to do himself any good, I should advise him by all means to come here, he would be sure to do well here, either as a brickmaker, a farmer's laborer, or, if he likes, I will give him the choice either of going in partnership with me on my farm, or let him have half the land, whether he is married or single makes no difference, for children are no burden here; if people cannot keep them themselves, there are plenty of the old settlers, glad to keep them, if you will let them have them for a certain term of years, according to their age. If my brother Thomas will not come, tell Luke Slaughter I will give him the same chance if he will come, and I have no doubt but he will be well satisfied with it, if not, there are plenty other chances that he cannot get in England. Tell any of my brothers in law, or old acquaintance, that I have no doubt but they will do better than when I left. Give my best respects to Mr. and Mrs. Hooker, and I hope they are well, and doing well, and be sure to shew them this letter, and I hope all my old fellow brickmakers are well, and doing well, if not, tell them to come to Canada, and never mind about the revolution, for that is over at present, unless it breaks out again. I was out between two and three months last winter, and was head drummer for our regiment of militia. We had 2 lbs. of the best white bread, and 2 lbs. of beef a day, and 1s. 1d. English money. Every man in this country, rich and poor, from the age of sixteen to sixty are militia men, and liable to be called out in case of need, but this being a revolutionary concern, they would not take any that they thought were disaffected, only the loyal part of our population, nearly all Adelaide were out; in peaceable times they cannot make us train more than four times a year, we seldom train more than twice or three times a year, and some townships only train one day in the year, on the 4th. of June; this is called the general muster day, all must be present then, or give a good account of their absence; but any man over forty five, is not obliged to attend on any other day. When we were out our regiment searched houses, and disarmed several persons, but not a shot was fired by any of our regiment at any person, or at any of us

by them ; there was a schooner with some rebels, and cannon, arms, ammunition, &c. taken after considerable firing by the Chatham and Kent people, at Amherstburgh, about two days before we got there ; we went from London to it, a distance of about 140 miles, and the travelling very bad at the time ; it had froze, then thawed, attended with heavy rain, then froze again. The marshes at the mouth of the river Thames were overflowed for about 14 miles, sometimes we waded through, and sometimes we walked on the ice. Sophy sends her kind love to both her grandfathers, her grandmothers, uncles, aunts, relations, and friends all, and would like very well to see you all if she could. Be sure to give her best respects to Caroline Hooker, and Caroline Standen, and Mrs. Dayman. If any of her acquaintance, or any young women should feel inclined to come to Canada, they are almost certain to get good situations, and good wages, from two dollars to five dollars a month.

We have a clergyman of the church of England, and a methodist preacher, in our township, not far from us, the methodist almost close. I have an opportunity of sending this by a neighbour, going to the west of England to see his friends, and have not time to see William and David. William is married, but has no family ; he married one of Charles Hilton's daughters, a native of Sutton ; he lives about $1\frac{3}{4}$ mile from me, on the same line of road ; and David, and Lucy, are living with him, at present ; but David's land joins mine, and he has lately built him a new house on it, the old one having been burnt down, with every thing in it, about 18 months ago ; when they were out the logs at the back of the fire place having taken fire behind the clay. They are all well. Ann is married, and lives at Mount Pleasant, in Michigan. Charlotte, and Thomas, are also in the United States. Jesse lives about 20 miles from here, living at the same place he did five years ago, and doing well. Tell my aunt Hannah, that I cannot give any account about Eliza, except that she was living at Woolwich, some time ago, and married to a man by the name of Kingett. Mrs. Mann is married to Thomas Holden, and they are well, he lives opposite David's land, and sends their best respects to you. James Thomas, Thomas Thomas, their wives and families are all well ; James lives near me, and his brother is coming to live here soon.

Write to me the first opportunity, pay the postage to the water, and put on it, *via New York*, if you send it by the

post, else it will cost me double the postage. Let me know how you all are, or whether any of you intend coming or not. Let me know how my uncle gets on fiddling now, I should like to have a tune with him now. I brought my violin out safe, and we sometimes have a tune, when we raise a new house. Send us all the news you can. It has been too hot this season for some things here, but generally speaking it is the best and finest season we have had since we have been here, and every thing pretty plenty. Mr. Hasted, that used to travel with the dog van, is well, and soon coming to live opposite me, having 150 acres of land opposite of the 1st. quality ; and 300 acres about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles off me : he sends his best respects to all his old customers, and friends, and would be glad to do any of them a kindness should they come here, he wonders some of his old friends do not come, he would let them have land, or any thing he can, as he wants but little for himself. I must conclude with my kind love to you all, and remain your dutiful son,

CHARLES RAPLEY.

From Richard and Frances Pullen, who emigrated to Upper Canada, in 1837, in the Ship Diana, sent out by the Petworth Committee.

December the 31st. 1838.

My dear Sister and Brother,

This comes with our kind love to you all, in hopes to find you all well, as thank God it leaves us all at present ; but Richard enjoyed health very bad all the summer ; it was a very hot summer, more so than it has been for this ten years, but thank God he is well now. My dear sister, I hope you will not give yourself so much trouble about me, for I know, my dear sister, that we get a better living than we should in England, if it is so bad as it was when we left ; but my dear sister and brother, if I had as good convenience to come home, as I had to come here, I would soon be with you, for I think it would be the happiest hour that ever I spent, if I could once more be with you all. But I should make myself more happy if it was not for war, for we have had a great deal of trouble about war since we have been here ; and I have been afraid that Richard would be forced

away from us, but thank God we have been armed with the Almighty's defence thus far, for there have been a great many forced to go from this place, for the Yankees from the United States, want to gain the Canadas, for now this fall there came over about two hundred and began to fight, but thank God they only killed four of our side before our British soldiers began to fight, and they killed thirty all in one place, and dug a pit, and threw them in like logs, and they took between twenty and thirty prisoners, and the rest fled into the woods and made their escape, and we saw all the prisoners come by our houses all tied together. It was about a hundred miles from us where they were taken, and they were going to London, which is about fifteen miles from us, and they were all obliged to walk, it was an awful sight. My dear sister and brother, I am now going to tell you, we have left the place that we first went to, and am come back fifteen miles nearer Delaware, and live under a gentlemen by the name of Mr. Seabrook. We are living in his cottage, near his house ; and Richard works for him constant ; and we are about a mile from Delaware ; and there is a church in Delaware, and we have a very good minister, I thank the Lord, he lives about a hundred yards from us. Here is a great many English people about here, but there is but one that I ever knew before I left England, that is Mrs. Peacock, Amelia Cowper, at Frightfold, as was, I often see her, she lives in Delaware. And I hope, my dear sister, that you will be happy about us. And we send all our kind love to aunt Maria, and uncle Keen, and all the family, and all our dear relations and friends. And now, my dear sister, I am going to tell you that I was confined the 23rd. June, with a little son, and his name is George, he is now six months old. My dear sister, we have fowls and pigs ; and I hope, if we live till the spring, we shall be able to get us a cow, if it please God we have our health. And I hope we shall soon hear from you. And Sarah, and William, and Hannah, and Henry, and Richard, and Elizabeth, and George, and myself, and Richard, all send our best respects and kind love to you all, my dear sister and brother, and dear little Harriet and Ann. So we remain your loving sister and brother,

FRANCES & RICHARD PULLING.

And now my dear mother, I take with pleasure my pen in hand to write to you, and I hope it will find you all well, as thank God it leaves us all at present. And we received

both your letters, and we were very sorry to hear that our poor brother William was so ill, but I hope he is spared, for the sake of his family, if it is the Lord's will ; and we all send our kind love to all brothers and sisters, and I should have wrote to you before, dear friends, had it not been for the confusion in the country, for we did not know how it would be, but it is now a little more peaceable, I thank God. I forgot to tell you the reasons why we left the other place, but he was a commissary in the army, and when there was a confusion, he was obliged to leave his place, and go on duty in London ; but we might have stayed a year if we would in his house, but, dear mother, we wanted to get nearer Delaware, on account of the church, for us and our children to attend. Dear mother, we both went to church on Christmas day, and received the sacrament, which was a great comfort to us. Dear mother, you wish to know more about our voyage, but what I can say it was a very troublesome one, but I bless the Lord he enabled us to go through it. And now, my dear friends, we are too far from home ever to return, we must make ourselves happy, if we can, for you know, my dear mother, we should be happy in whatever situation the Lord is pleased to place us. So now to conclude, Richard and me, and all your dear grandchildren, all sends our kind love to you all, and I hope we shall all meet in the next world, to part no more, and that will be joyful. So we remain your loving son and daughter,

RICHARD & FRANCES PULLEN.

Dear sister, when you direct our letter, direct it to be left at the post office, Delaware. We all send our love to poor old dame Baker, if she is living, and master Keen, and mistress, and all the neighbours on the commons. So I wish you all well. Our children are all grown very much. Dear mother, one day, when Richard was going to London, he met with a man that came from Petworth, his name was Nevett, from the north street, he is a tailor, he talks of coming to Petworth next fall.

For JOHN SUMMERSELL,

Petworth, Sussex, England.

From _____ *who emigrated to Upper Canada, in*
1837, in the Ship Diana, sent out by the Petworth
Committee.

West Flamborough, January 17th. 1839.

Dear Uncle and Aunt,

We received your kind letter on the 12th. of this month, and am happy to hear you have made up your minds to come to America. We are all enjoying good health I am happy to say, and pleased to hear you are the same. I can assure you it will be much better here for you than at home. I sent you a very bad account of the country in my first letter, as every thing was very dear; since then provisions are much cheaper. We felt it more, having no home to come to, and no means; but this will not be the case with you, you will have a home to come to, until you can get one, and some friends to converse with. I must tell you we are removed 20 miles nearer home, and we like the country much better; it has more the appearance of home. Now, my dear friends, as regards what you say about grandfather and mother coming out, father and mother says it will be by no means advisable for them to come, as we think the voyage far too much for grandmother; and also, as the Americans are particular in hiring young able men, we fear grandfather would not do well by coming out; we should all be happy to see them, it would to me be a pleasure above any. I hope Billy and Mary Ann will help them as far as they can. Give my kind love to Billy and Mary Ann, and am sorry they should be angry at my not writing to them. I thought if I wrote to one, it would be the same. Believe me, my feeling is towards him the same as ever. We are only four thousand miles from each other. Now, my dear friends, as regards your coming out, I think from your letter you mean what you say; as regards the wages I named, is not in the harvest, but all the year on. Uncle will find himself at liberty, and will be able to smoke his pipe every night, with a glass of whiskey. Tobacco is one shilling per pound, and you, my dear Aunt, can have two shillings per day and board. The women here will not work, they are so lazy. You need not be afraid of employment, they are making new roads all through the country, and a few miles from us is a canal digging, which will last seven years; they get four shillings per day. Little George will nearly get as much as

uncle. Do not leave Harriet and him behind, as they can earn so much more here. I am very sorry to hear Harriet is such a trouble to you, if she is a good girl she can do well for herself. I hope she will think better of it, and come with you. We do not wish to persuade you, my dear friends, but what I tell you is the perfect truth. We all hope you will come: if we were certain you would, here is such a nice house close to us, we would take it for you; but I fear it will be let before we hear from you; but if so, we will get another near. You will find yourself quite independent here: do not remain there, but come here and be at liberty. As regards brother Frank going home, he have quite declined it, as you think of coming: he could not be home until June, and you will I suppose leave in April, and he will have no other friend to go to. Our friends indeed are very few, when you come you might bid them all good bye for me: if they cannot spare one half hour in writing to me, I shall never attempt to write again. I have written to many, and have never received one line. As regards your furniture, sell all your tables, chairs, and bedsteads; bring your beds, and bed clothes; bring your copper, tea things, and plates, and children's stools: you will find your copper very useful; sew a coarse cloth over it. Bring your tea kettles and cooking pot, with many other little things. Bring your fire irons and bellows: you can get all these here, but it is very high. I would advise you to sell all your large pieces of furniture, as you will find it very awkward in moving it about. We got all our furniture and clothes quite safe. I long to see——. You will be in time——to make the short clothes, if you leave the first of April. Emily and——desires you will come without delay, as they are wanting many little concerns done. Emily has made all her own dresses since we have been here; as dress-makers are very scarce here, you will do well.—I will seek myself a husband before you get here, and then I will seek for you: here is some very handsome young Negroes in this country, would you fancy one? they are very attentive. You asked me if we baked our own bread, we do; and have much better than when at home: we get very good yeast at Dundas, there is a very large brewery, it is two miles from us, it is kept by one Mr. Holt, from the Pallant, Chichester. It is those people that go so far up the country, and in the bush, that cannot get yeast: they then use salt rising, but it is not so good as yeast. We can get every thing here, as well as at home. I would not advise any one to go so far up the country, in the bush. I think you frame

the country worse than it is. You will need no extra clothing, we wear no more than when at home. Now my dear friends, you ask me what route you should come by, and what the expence will be after you leave the ship ; if you take the same route as we did, or I should say by the Petworth Emigration, they will convey you to Toronto at your first expence, and perhaps to Hamilton, a distance of 47 miles ; but the certainty of that you can ascertain of the Committee ; you will then be only 7 miles from us, should this be the case. You must buy tin plates and mugs, or you will break your china, and also a spare box to put your provisions in, such as sugar and butter, and meat you will not consume on the sea : you will find it useful coming up the country, as you will leave the ship at Montreal, and then provisions are not so abundant. From Montreal to Toronto is a distance of four hundred miles ; you—— will be delighted with the steam boats on the lake : she will just go fast. *If you come by way of New York, your expences will be about 8 pounds, it being a distance of about five hundred miles. If you can get a cheap passage to New York, I should advise you to come by that route, as I think it is a much quicker passage : it cost us eighty pounds to our destination. I think you can get here much cheaper. Bring some brandy, you will find it useful on the sea ; some onions and vinegar, and a nice ham would be very nice on the sea. You seem to have a dread of the water, but you will not mind that after you get on board. I felt more going through Portsmouth, than I did all the voyage beside. You will be sea sick I have no doubt, but you must not mind that, it will

**Expences from London or Portsmouth to New York by the packets for one adult.*

Expences, &c.	mils.	£	s.	d.	Expences, &c.	mils.	£	s.	d.
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Hospital Tax at New					luggage free	209	0	15	7½
York		0	4	6	62 lbs. luggage extra				
New York to Albany					to Oswego		0	3	0
by steamer, 100 lbs.					Oswego to Toronto,				
of luggage allowed					1 cwt. luggage in-	170	0	7	6
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					York, and on the				
					route to Toronto ..		0	8	0
Carried forward..	160	7	19	6		539	9	13	7½

be soon over : you must lay in bed, and eat as much as you can. New clothes is not much dearer than at home.—— will do well, as there are few dress-makers in this country. Stays are not worn. Bonnet makers and milliners might do well. When I say stays are not worn, they are not used so much as at home, I fear a stay-maker would not do well. We cannot persuade grandfather and mother to come, as they are too far advanced in years ; we had one old lady on board, and she suffered so much from the voyage, she was not expected to live when we left the ship ; we should not be doing right to advise them to come, we know the difficulty of so long a voyage. Give our kind love to them and we truly hope they will do well. If you have a small trifle to give them, pray do it, and we will pay you as soon as you get here. Now, my dear friends, if you do come, which we sincerely hope you will, will you bring these few articles I am about to name, if you have the means, and I will pay you as soon as you get here. The first for me, a full size cottage tuscan bonnet, about 16s. ; next, a neat muslin dress, at 12 or 14 shillings ; next, 8 yards of brown irish, for father's round frock ; 3 pair of clogs at 1s. ; here is no pattens in this country. Will you also bring 3 pounds of small shot, as it is very large here, and a few ballads for the boys, as they wish to learn to sing, and a few rabbit-wires, as here is a great many rabbits here. Will you go to Mrs.—— in the North Street, for my bonnet, and say it is for me. Bring no axe, buy no tools, you can buy them much cheaper here. Should any gentleman call on you by the name of —— of —— near —— respecting your coming out, as he have a daughter coming out to her sister, they live near us and are very respectable. I often take tea with them. I named your coming out, and she wished her sister to come with you. I am not certain of his calling, if he should, you can answer him the ship you intend to come by. You must be careful with the children, and not undress them at night, it will be very cold on board. Mother desires you will keep your circumstances private in the ship, as there are people always enquiring what means you have, and what you intend doing when you get here. N. B. you will get 25s. to the pound here. Now my dear friends these are the directions as we are removed, —— West Flamborough, near Dundas, Upper Canada, North America.

Now a few words to —— . My dear Miss —— , I see from my aunt's letter, my poor dear aunt Kate is still uncomfortably situated. Father and mother say, if she can

make up her mind to come out to us, she will do much better, and depend upon a home until she can get one : the boys, with Emily and myself, particularly desire she will come out with Aunt——; if she cannot make up her mind to come, I hope she will write to us. My dear Miss——, we often speak of you. Mother often wishes you were here, to take a cup of tea with her. Emily, with Ann and myself, send our kind love to you. We hope you will send a few lines in Aunt's next letter : so now, dear friend, adieu.

We are much pleased to hear Miss——has been so kind as to interest herself for you so much. Should any part of the family wish to write to us, I shall always be happy to answer it. Bring a few Epsom salts with you, you will find them useful in the ship. We desire to be most kindly remembered to all Mr. ——family : tell —— and —— how much I should like to see them. Give our kind love to —— and John, and hope they are doing well : we will always be happy to hear from them.

Now, my dear friends, you must make up your minds : you will have difficulties to contend with, but never mind, it will soon be over : you, my dear aunt, will not mind the water, after you have been a few hours in the ship. Now, dear friends, note what I say : if you come, please to answer this directly, as we will seek a house for you. Will you go to uncle Henry, and ask him if he has any parcel for us, if so, will you bring it for us ? Give our kind love to Mr. and Mrs. —— . Now with a hope we shall soon meet again, is the sincere wish of your affectionate niece,

I forgot to say, wear all your old clothes on board.

