

competent one and has therefore far too much to do
and looks fagged and older in consequence. He is
going into the country to-morrow for a week, during
which time the paper must do as it can, and I
hope that will restore him. I quite expected to find
a letter from you on my arrival, but I find by your look
that you had only just then returned. Give my kindest
love to Maria; I am glad you enjoyed your tour, and
I wish she would give me some history of it, and her
impressions of Cumberland and Westmoreland. Tell
her I wish she would write me a good long gossiping
letter. I intended to write to her now, but I have so much
to write, and am altogether in such a press of business,
but I trust she will forgive my seeming neglect, and
be content with appropriating her share - the better half
of this. We have got a comfortable house - a wooden
one - though in one of the best streets in the town, and
very near the mountain. I have not been round
the mountain yet. The weather has been so warm
that I am quite unable to walk. I understand the
summer had been unusually wet and cold, and
now in September it has been unusually warm
for the season. Robert sends his love and
will be obliged if you will get him stamped
numbers of *Junon* to make up his series.

No. 130 Jan 6/44, - 131 Jan 13, - & 146 April 27.

I have had a good many callers, and altogether
my impressions of Montreal are favourable,
of course it is too soon to form any decided opinion
of the people, but the town is decidedly a hand-
some one. I find my not understanding French
very troublesome. I have been in the market once
and as nearly all the country people are French
I was quite at a loss to find the prices of things; though
I had a strong impression sometimes that if I
could have known what they said I should have
known the meaning of it, but they speak very rapidly
and with a strange tone. I wish you would write
to my father to tell him of my arrival. I have sent
58 papers announcing it to as many different parties,
and I have written half a dozen letters for the same
purpose. Remember me to Mr and Mrs Tyerman
and with love to Maria, believe me

Your affectionate Sister

Margaret

151 Long St - 12th Feb 13 - 12th Feb 13

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51 South St
Boston Sept 11
Dear John, I arrived at Boston Sunday
Sept 11 and remained there a day with Mr. Stealey
at her father's. You will see that we had a somewhat
longer passage than we had calculated on - 44 days
but by all means a very long one. We had a great
deal of stormy weather and head winds, but we had
a most comfortable ship, and careful captain, and
every possible attention paid to our comfort. Mr.
Stealey is one of the few remaining Waterloo Officers, and
Mr. A. an intelligent and agreeable woman; she improves
much on acquaintance and we were exceedingly
comfortable together. Nevertheless we were all very
glad when we got ashore. I will not say any
here about the voyage, or crew, or events, or
sort of a journal, which I will send to you every thing
of the Stealey, and which you can read if
I could say about it, and to you you can read if
you like. There is little interest, the voyage is
really of more interest than you can think, and
I shall say you will scarcely spend the requisite time
upon it, but perhaps if many great hours for ten
hour or two. I found Robert looking not so well,
expected, - he has no assistant now, he can

Montreal Sept. 26 1844

Dear John I have nothing to say worth postage but I send a line to say we are alive and well Robert has been a week in the country which has improved him wonderfully, he now looks more like himself. He is kept very busy having an assistant he could not get one to suit him. He sends his love and bids me say all is going on well with the he thought August would be a bad one for the advertising but the contrary has been the case. £250 against £150 last year. The press is not at work yet a part had to be re-cast and they are preparing it. He would do a job of it if he had money and what he got of 500 from Mr. Robinson's debtor the whole of which he has kept for the present. I do not know whether you were aware of the money he here owed Mr. B. money a long time ago, and it had considerable value. Mr. B. told Robert what if he could get any of it he might have half of it for himself, and with little or no trouble he has got £300. Unsworth is well, and is very safe indeed, and seems very anxious to do well. I am very glad he is safe for he undertakes Robert's wages and just spirit him. Mr. Ellis has not got matters arranged with Mr. Rockeford and has given up the idea of coming out this autumn. Robert was very much disappointed about this, if he had thought he cared so much about him, I would have taken more

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Wm. B. Drake and
John B. Drake
Sept. 26 1844

... to proper preservation of him. We have got too little reports in our - a specimen of a
... get one of the ... the water ...
... here: ... the ... the ...
... it was ... by the ...
... that this morning ...
... the ...
... with the ... General ...
... to ...
... I am ...
... and ...
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... your affectionately ...
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You will please to continue to send Robert a late
paper, to the care of Mr. Stone of Boston; all you have
sent have come, except by the last Vail, but perhaps
you being away might prevent your sending it. When
you can get Willmer and Smith's it is the best paper
for him you can send. Robert would have sent you
a barrel of apples but they are very scarce, having been
destroyed by the caterpillars, and from the coolness of the
summer it is supposed that those left do not stand
the voyage, not having been sufficiently ripened.
Capsicums are rather plentiful here; we are pickling
some for Mr. Bolton. Robert thought that when you
begin business for yourself, or might, or worth while
to do a quantity for you, either pickled or dried only.
He will tell Mr. Bolton to send you a bottle of them
that you want. and if they
would be saleable.

little enjoyment at the prospect of leaving to live in the
country, but I have made up my mind to do so, because my
mind is so much engaged by being the proprietor of this
paper of course it cannot be as small a part, but I have
enough of the world to know that such a career is
not the most comfortable to be. To make the comfortable
uncomfortable business of life is more the character of happiness
and however the necessities of some life, but still, but it
is not as giving or not. The only thing that has been
anything that can be done, the paper will be in a measure to
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Mr. Deane
23
Dundas Street
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Montreal November 10, 1846

Dear John I wrote to Maria by last mail and intended writing
again now, but have been prevented by other circumstances, indeed the
arrival and departure of the mail are so near each other that I have but little
time to write at all. Your note I have received, and the papers have all come
this time but some specimens are missing, however if they do not catch up
I can tell you before the end of the year. Perhaps they might entertain here, if
you kept them longer, and Vol. had me say that you need not mind sending
them by the first mail, so that they do eventually come. Your papers by M. Thore
all right. You will see the press is at work and the paper enlarged at last,
but the press is not yet in perfect order and in a short time it is expected
that it will be better adjusted, and that the paper will consequently look better.
They got ~~down~~ ^{down} new subscribers a day or two after the alteration. As well as
can make out the assessed taxes you paid must have been due for the three mos
previous to Vol.'s leaving, but what they would have disburied on had they not
been paid, passes my comprehension.
The letter from Mr. English was distressed me a good deal
he really seems going out of his senses. He was very unhappy in my leaving,
indeed if I had thought it possible it could have cost him such a good
I never would have left at all. — but, I thought that if I was once fairly
away, he would wait two or three years patiently. However, he did not happen
at home, and he had got it into his head that I shall not be happy here,
and what between his anxiety for my return, and his consciousness of being
unable to offer me the comfortable maintenance as he could wish, he is really in
a most pitiable state. No one would think that under such a certain state
such a perfect volcano should be raging. I wish you could see
take matters kindly over with him, and see if you can get on him into
calmness. I am sure you will do this for my sake; — for my own part

can think of nothing else to pacify him but promising to return next
spring. I will desire him to talk it over with you, and I shall give
him permission to write to Robert, telling him of our approbative engagement
and asking his approbation. Whatever Robert may say of the matter, I
can see no way but for me to return as speedily as possible, though of
course I cannot take such a voyage in the winter, and it seems a very
mad affair to come such a distance and return almost at once, but I
can think of nothing else. He urges my immediate return, and offers
to send me money for my passage, but this is unnecessary, as you
know Robert has £25 of mine. In my first letter and in answer to
his lamentations, I told him something to the effect that he should
have persuaded me and I might have staid, and this seems to have
wounded him more than anything else. It was very foolish of me to
say anything of the kind, as I knew that he obtained from this only
from regard to his promise not to press me on the subject till his
circumstances should be better, but I had no idea that any such
rather justly
you would write to me after you have seen him, and if as is probable,
he writes to Robert by the first succeeding mail, I should wish
if you could say anything of him that might dispose Robert in
his favour, that you should do so, and enclose your note & not
the one to me, so that I may give it to Robt. at the same time with
the other, for of course I must say or write something to him at the
same time. You do not know him much nor much of him, but I
esteem him. There is no one who deserves more fully, perfect respect and
esteem. indeed he possesses that of every one who does know him,
or who more thoroughly deserves to be happy. I am certainly no

little frightened at the prospect of having to live on so small an
income, but if I once make up my mind to it and it becomes my
duty to do so, I do not despair of being able to go through with it,
though of course it must be in small way; but I have seen
enough of the world to know that riches cannot create happiness
and are not even essential to it. No doubt the comforts and
comfortable luxuries of life increase the chances of happiness,
and promote the amenities of social life, but still, but it
is no use going on with this. I do not know that I can say
anything that can alter the aspect of the case materially.

I shall be somewhat impatient till I have the answer to
this, and can now only hope and pray for a favourable issue, and
peace and happiness to all parties concerned.

With best love to Maria
Your affectionate sister
Margaret.

I enclose a label which we got on some article, and
which we think a good idea

I wrote to my father by last mail, when you write to him
reassure me. I hope to hear from Maria again soon, letters
from home give me great pleasure, and I am perhaps selfish
in writing so short ones myself, but indeed my mind has been
completely occupied and much agitated.

Could you without inconvenience let Mr. English have
Alkermes a day or two each week? I dare say he would
be glad for them.

attributed to Yankees. He is an intelligent man, of plain but rather pleasing manners, and is free-trader, abolitionist and teetotaler. He appears to have tried several trades, with what success I do not know. James is in Guatamala; Gibson in Montreal, and two others somewhere in the west. If any letters for Mr. Husworth or Mr. Reynolds are sent to your care, send them on to Robert and if they occasion any additional postage, the parties will pay it. And we have never got the Athenaeum of Sept. 21, so if it has not been sent this time you had better try to get one. You will see the Gazette looks very well now. Feb. 24, The only letter we have received yet is one from Mr. English, and I regret to find that my parcel by Mr. Whiteford by the Jan'y Mail had not been delivered. Rob.'s letters were in another parcel and whether they have been more fortunate I do not know. I suppose we shall hear when the Galifas had comes in. Your paper arrived for Mr. Moore, but you will see by the papers that the Portland express, beat every one else hollow. It is believed here that the April and succeeding mails will be brought via Boston entire but I do not know what authority there is for this belief. By last mail Mr. English mentioned an improvement in the barometer you had made

but gave no particulars, thinking you would do that. What is the nature of it? Send the enclosed letter for Mr. C. as soon as you can; in it I have given directions for finding out Mr. Whiteford. The parcel by Mr. Whiteford was directed to your care, - is it possible that it could have been left at the Hall and never given to you? The Acadia arrived on the 14th at Liverpool. You might inquire if it could have been put out of the way.

We are both well and going on much as usual - no news particular. Give my love to Mrs. Glad to hear you are both well. Your affectionate sister Margaret. A.

You would have a short letter from me last mail through Mr. Ellis.

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Montreal July 29. 1842
Dear John, The mail via Boston has arrived today,
and we have papers but no letters. It is doubtful
whether these will arrive via Halifax before I write
close my letters. I had no letter from you by fast mail
but I had one from my father, two others all through
you, and a very very short one from Maria. One of
those you sent was from Susanna Cowan; they appear
to have been quite hurt at your not calling to see them
when you were in Carlisle. You may remember they
were always rather petted tempers, still they are old
friends, and I will wish you had thought of looking
in on them for a minute. I had a letter from Elizabeth
Redhead Mrs. Bishoprick a short time ago. They
live in Bytown, and appear not to have been very
successful, but she says their circumstances are now
improving. She appears comfortable in other respects
and gives me a pressing invitation to visit them. Did
I ever tell you that Thomas Redhead is settled here?
He is a chair and cabinet maker, painter &c, and I
believe is doing well, - he was married last June. John
Redhead Forrest was here a few weeks ago. He lives at
Burlington, Vermont, and though much of a Yankee
in appearance has none of the offensive peculiarities

Letter
May 20 A
Jan 1845

Mr. Abraham
Apothecaries Hall
Colquitt St. Bold Street
Liverpool

Montreal July 23, 1845

Dear John,

As the mail has not yet arrived we have nothing fresh from you since the last time I wrote to you, but as it may be daily expected, Robert will write to you by the Government messenger, who always leaves for Boston at the latest time at which he could catch the steamer before her departure. Robt. will also write probably at greater length to Dan. Bell from whom you can get all information respecting his money matters. He writes by this post to Mr. Ellis making another offer in case Mr. E. is at liberty. He offers to sell Mr. Ellis one third of the entire paper, stock &c for £800, and I do hope Mr. E. will accept it and come out as soon as possible, for Robert is really getting worn out with having so much to do. You have no idea how much he is altered, and he is losing his appetite as well; in short if he had not good assistance soon, I feel sure he will suffer

permanent injury in his health. The press also has given him
indescribable annoyance and labour, and he now begins to fear
that the table is not true and that it never will work perfect.

The papers you send by Mr. Spoon all arrive duly, - as also
all the others. Robert wants "Bell's life in London" for the purpose
of copying the games of Chess, and perhaps Mr. English may
be able to get it at the Exchange News Room, but if not, please
order it.

Give my best love to Maria, - I hope for a letter from
her by this mail, - and believe me your affectionate sister
Margaret.

Glad to hear so good an account of you, and that you're growing fat.

Dear Mr. Spoon
I have the pleasure
to receive your letter
of the 10th inst.

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