

Montreal November 11th 1780.

My dear George—

Last week I wrote
you a very painful letter. I even then
it was difficult to restrain myself
from making it more so. yet I particularly
hope you will not ascribe in the
some strain. As I feel penitent for having
victimized you as the recipient of my
gambles. Papa has consulted Dr Howard
about my symptoms & I am now on
medicine & diet which, with the Lords
blessing, will soon restore me to my
ordinary health. I am already feeling better
so now I bid adieu to weekly allusions
to ailments. At the beginning of this
week we had long & heavy rains.

for two days again high moderately
 frosty weather. I was rather Curious
 that each took for granted that the
 other would be sure to make the
earthquake the subject of this writing
 to go early after the event. I saw William
 says he is going to give an account of
 it from his point of view I Rankine
 his experience of how he felt it. It was
 widely reported that a severe shock was
 to be experienced the following Friday. I Dr.
 Smallwood I paper's name associated
 with the prediction, I got would be more
 than astonished to have the kind of people
 who were apprehensive. The Macintoshes who
 keep school - Mrs Selwyn whose husband
 was from home - Mrs P. Moffatt &c. The
 Friday home passed quietly & pass as
 allayed.

Before I left for England I was one of a
 Committee who were agitating & making

arrangements towards the establishment
of an Institution for Deaf Mutes. During
my absence this has matured & yesterday
I was able for the first time to attend
one of the meetings & see the inmates.
The Committee have secured a very nice
house & large garden beyond Sherbrooke
St. Fall gate. They have engaged the ser-
vices of a Mr & Mrs Wild who came to find
employment in Montreal some years ago
& who prove to be well educated Christian
deaf mutes themselves. The house has been
open since Sept & there are now 13 pupils
male & female, of very different ages & I was
astounded yesterday to see the prayers they
have made. The house is beautifully clean
& the whole establishment has a prosperous
& promising look. Mrs Wild has a pretty little
boy of two years old who hears & speaks. I walked
home with Mrs Major who begged of me

to send you his very kind regards. Did
I tell how much grown I found the children
when I returned? William & Eva especially
seemed about a head taller. Should we
be scared to meet again you will find
them outgrown your knowledge of them.

Now how long I do trust you find
yourself contented & more comfortable
at Mrs. Pust's this winter. That that young
gentleman who is now there proves an
agreeable addition. I altogether that you
feel as happy as you. Comparatively lonely circum-
stances admit of your being + Mrs. Hastings on
when you may have another little break.
I try now to dwell upon the whole length
of your absence. After all the great thing is to
have him who is always present, as your friend.
To him I daily & often commend you. Sometimes
I have seasons of anxiety about you which I will
be spared if I know you trusted the love of that
invisible friend. In meantime trust my love
& believe ^{me} your loving Mother.