

due, from me to you, and which I have heretofore been difficiënt in, I avail myself of this, opportunity of writing you, which though Late, I hope will be acceptable

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as I have no News just now, I may as well tell you how I have disposed of myself, as you must undoubtedly feel anxious for my welfare. From political reasons as well as private interests, I have left the other side and have been over here since Last Faul. As I never intended practising on the other Side, It would have been a folly to have continued there, And as our Law directs that a person shall study five years in the Province with an attorney, it would have been so much time lost. My Father has therefore bound me to M^r Elliott, after having tried M^r Dickson at Niagara, who had as many Clerks as he wanted. The terms of the Agreement are; that M^r Elliott is to board, Lodge, and wash me, and my Father is to clothe me. he is a good man, and Im sure will Do, what he can for me. I have been here since the Month of February, and am now very busy writing. I find that there is a great deal more to be learnt here than on the other Side, as there is more formality observed in the practice. James has become very industrious. he goes up to the Point every Day with La Roche, and stays there all Day. James is the only one left of the family, as you have undoubtedly before this time heard of our Dear Sister Nellys being married⁵⁴ poor Nelly regretted very much that you was not here. she hopes it will meet with your approbation, as I suppose it undoubtedly will, it being, the best match in the country he being of an excellent character, and in a Good situation. he is a very good husband, and for my part, I can say he is a good Brother in Law. they both beg to be remembered to you. Captain M^cKee is coming to live at [illegible] in a few days. Colonel Clause being ordered to stay here, has excited some apprehension to Captain M^cKee's being ordered to [illegible] which I hope may not be the case. There still prevails some apprehensions of a war here, with America. They seem to carry

⁵⁴ The lines omitted pertain to family details not of interest to present-day readers.

⁵⁵ Nelly (Ellen Phyllis) Askin married Richard Pattinson. For their careers, see *B. H. R.*, I, 594.