

cumstances were hardly allowed to walk the Streets of Niagara.

I am sorry you were so unfortunate as to lose the Oxen you got of me; but hope they may still be found. The horse on the Island I think you got a tolerable good price for, considering he was not broke and that he would be very troublesome to get over. I shall be pleased to hear that he has paid my mother for him, for I had made her a present of him.

I am now accustomed to sleep on hard beds and can do very well without a feather one, therefore would be happy they were sold and the money received for them sent to Johny. I do not think James or Alex good hands for speculators, and do not think they would make much by buying up things here, and taking them up to sell them again. They would spend as much on the road, as they would clear on the goods, it's most probable. I believe Tea is higher here than it is at Sandwich and Salt also. I do not know if green Tea can now be got for 24/ and Onondaga Salt was selling for fifteen dollars a barrel a few days ago and I fancy is now higher. suger is 1/6. such things as these I would advise you if they can be got at Sandwich to lay in a stock of sufficient to last you five or six months, for I really think the prices of all Kinds of goods will rise in the Spring, as what came up last Summer after the Declaration of War cost more to bring up, than what came in Sleights this Winter. I return you thanks for the Traveling case and the Rifle which you have sent down, as also for the books &^{ca} in the case. they have not yet got this far, but I know where Alex^r left them & fancy I shall soon get them.

There is no newspaper printed now at Niagara, and the York papers I think are very poor ones, yet as you desire it I shall get them and endeavour to have them sent regularly to you.

I send up by Alex^r and Edmund 1 doz desert knives & Forks & a few needles and thread for my mother which she will please accept of. Alex takes up also Elizabeth Merediths miniature picture and some drawings with it.