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Woodstock June 26th 1834

Dear Mrs. Martin

I Sit down to inform
you of my safe arrival here. I landed in St.
John 17th June and came forward in 4 days to my
uncles. which I accomplished by water, in Steam
and Tow Boats. And by information I received
before I came my two Uncles were waiting my
arrival for hours before I landed. And may
say I was received with as much joy, as I left
home with sorrow. ever since I have been visiting
round on Horse back with my friends who all
have surrounded me with as much kindness as
possible. I am happy to find that the Accounts
received at home respecting the prosperity of my
Uncles is perfectly true. as they live as comfortably
as they can wish, and the offers they make
me is equally good. Uncle Robt. has fully made
me an offer of 50 Acres of Land if I accept it
for the present I will not accept it. as I feel willing
to hire out, or as we say go to sowin to learn the
ways of the Country, as there is much to learn as
every work is strange and new to me from
the old Country.

Wm. Martin

And all my friends know how all the people

Wages here is good my rules are against my
going to lower on out of the United Company which
must be met with, and Drunkennys which is very
prevailent here, but for some time past there is some
appearance of that vice being done away in some degree
in consequence of Temperance Society's and other efforts
to put a stop to it, I cannot expect great wages for
some time as I know nothing about handling an Oar
which is the chief instrument to work with
I may say I have not forgotten Mr Campbell's advice
This Country is new and has not many Churches
opportunity for meeting are but seldom. However
God is every place and I hope I shall make him the
object of my delight wherever my plan may be

I should be thankful for my money
during the passage tho the passage was high, yet
when I saw the confusion of other vessels with many
crowded in them. I was fully satisfied at being alone
because of the comfort and peace I had, a kind Providence
saw I was a vessel, while many met a watery grave
coming out this Spring. I was not sea sick all
the way, tho a lone in the vessel I was healthy and
strong, and turned every attention from the vessel I
could wish or expect, I done no cooking as the Cook
prepared all for me. The bread from Home served me
6 weeks, I had 2 stow Buickets, the Cat meal. I never
touched it, a pleasant passage I had only 32 days
to St John

I have as much provision left as would nearly ^{support} ~~pay my~~
~~passage~~ Home were I disposed to go. I have felt much
sorrow since I left Home but I have no one to blame
but my self. My Reception has been so kind and
friendly, it tends to sooth my sorrows very much.
When I look back on the time spent with you, I can look
back with pleasure to my conscience of never deceiving
you in any thing, I would not be so sorry if I could only
have the pleasure of seeing ^{you} once a year and all my
friends around.

~~He has been very kind to me~~
to be true to his promise. Tell James Borth I delivered his
Letter to his Brother who lives near where I now am -
I put James Irvine's Letter safe in office. Tell William I have
only kept half an hour in A. John. and had not time to hunt
up his ~~brother~~ Uncle - My respects to my Uncle, I need
say little to him as a Letter has been sent from him to
state the Death of Aunt Jamison - also Robt. Cooper
he will hear the particulars in that Letter, from what I see of
this Country he would be much better with his step Father -
And now Dear Madam I remain as ever your
Believer, John M. Lellan

D^r B^r Sister

I sit down to send you a few advice
hoping you will not forget them I gave before. I left home
remember to walk in the way those who are your before
allowed to walk in, and still to keep an eye to the one
thing needful, and let the salvation of your soul be the
greatest concern, for if you fear God it is the beginning of
wisdom, be wise and you shall shine in the Kingdom
of God. I hope to attend to the advice I give and you
tho far distant shall so delight in the ways of God
on earth if you must not believe me of your gentle that
better world a love -

You may expect to hear from me when I get properly settled
and shall say to you what I think of your coming and when
I will

Friend Margaret M. Leland sends her love to you all and
to write - I write and Aunt and family send their
love to you all forever

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