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City of Rochester, State of New York Nov 11.

Dear Father,

I write these few lines to inform you that I have removed from Hamilton, Upper Canada, to the City of Rochester, State of N. Y. United States of America, and that I am no longer under the Thralldom of British Government, and I hope I never shall live under it again; I expected that you would learn from the last letter that I wrote to Riverhead that I was working in the States, but I did not know then how soon I might remove to here, I worked constant for 8 weeks, & saved 40 Dollars in that time, took most of my money every Saturday night and I did not loose an hour in all that time; you see times were very bad in Canada all the last summer; so I thought I would start and try my luck and see whether the States were better than Canada or not I had no particular place in my eye when I started, but I pitched upon Rochester as the first place to land at as a Steamboat went direct to there from Hamilton and therefore it was the easiest place to go to; and if I did not succeed there I would go West until I did if I went a thousand miles first, but I got a very good job, and I gave great satisfaction to my employer and he kept me on 8 weeks and then the job was stoppt for a while and I had not quite made up my mind to remove this winter, when news came that there was likely to be a disturbance in Canada again and that all the Canada Steamers had left off touching at the Yankee ports, for fear of being set fire to or seized in some way or other, and so I was left without hardly knowing how I should get home again, but I started to see and if it was possible to get away again when I did get there to remove at all hazards, for I was determined not to take

up arms again in Queen Victoria's cause, for it is quite evident now
to every liberal person that the Home Government does not intend
to do the Canadians any permanent good or in fact any good
at all, and where there was one disaffected last winter there are 50
this, and every one having the provinces that can conveniently get
away and some making great sacrifices. When I started from here I left
on a Friday noon, walked on the tow path of the Erie Canal for 20 miles that
afternoon to a place called Brockport, there I took a Canal boat to
Lockport 44 miles, then I took Steam coach on railroad to Lewiston 24
miles, arrived there at 6 o'clock ^{Saturday evening} could not cross the Ferry that night
stopped at Lewiston all night, crossed the Ferry next morning
at 7 o'clock landed in Canada passed the Sentry without
any questions, walked 30 miles by sunset part of it on a newly
macadamized road - no wheres to walk but on the cracked
stones; fine walking I tell you, took stage at 7 o'clock and rode
the other 20 miles and arrived at Hamilton 11 o'clock Sunday
night, next day orders came from Toronto to order out the Militia
But they did not order them out right off but tried first to see how
many they could raise by enlisting, and there being a great many
idle fellows about Hamilton they enlisted pretty freely, and
whilst they were doing that I took and packed up my things
as quietly and as fast as I could, sold every thing that I could but
it was a bad time to sell nobody had any money, left my house
in the hands of a friend to let for me if possible, and we left there
Friday Nov. 2. (I was there only 4 days) and we arrived safely here on the 5th
it cost me 26 Dollars to get here, but I would not care if it ^{had} cost me all
I had got so that I got clear from them, for I had enough soldiering
last winter to last me my life's time I hope, to be used in the manner
that we were. I have been here a week and have not done anything
apt but I am in daily expectation of a winter's job I am paying
1 Dollar ~~per~~ week for a house of 3 rooms and a good sized garden for the summer.

summer. I do not know how it may turn out with us, but we must trust in Providence for we have no one else to put our trust in; and if I have my health I will not starve if it is possible to get any work of my cracking stones on the road; I am thankful that I am clear from the domination of her Majesties satellites and that I am a free man; it is my intention if things are quiet in Canada in the Spring to go over and sell my property or dispose of it in some way for there will be no living there till the country is free from British tyranny. The news arrived here yesterday that the Patriots were organizing in Lower Canada that they had had one battle with the regulars, beaten them and taken lot Soldiers prisoners; that they have some French officers ^{lately from Europe} at their head and that they were rising in every direction. I cannot vouch for the truth of it for there as not been time for the news to be confirmed but it is no more than we expect for the Canadian Refugees and anti-Unioners here were continually holding secret meetings for carrying the liberation of Canada into effect and they say it shall be free if they lose the last drop of blood in their veins in their efforts for its freedom. I write this letter to you sooner than I should were it not that I think you might wish to know what was become of me when you direct to me. This must be your directions. City of Rochester, State of New York, United States give our love to Brother, Brothers and Sisters and take the same yourself; and I should be glad to hear from you soon give our love to friends at Riverhead and remember us to all inquiring friends; and we hope this will find you all in good health as it leaves us at present. Good bye God bless you all and we remain

P.S. I have received a Sunday Times some time ago with the Hyde Park Fair in it you may send me as many papers as you can I intend to take a paper myself next year if I can afford it and then I shall frequently send you one
Your dutiful Son & Daughter
Geo. F. & E. Martin

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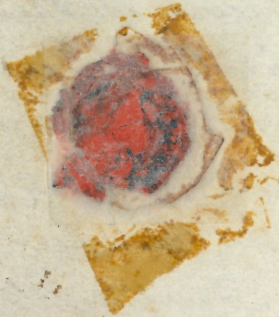
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