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JOHN STRACHAN'S LETTER BOOK

1812 - 1834

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## Letter Book 1812 - 1834.

Letter to the Earl of Selkirk, concerning his projected colony on the Red River. With memoranda, extracts from prospectus, &c. n.d.

Letter, John Strachan to Dr. Baldwin, agent for Mr. Hyatt, protesting statements of Mr. Atcheson regarding the breaking of seals on the depositions sent to England. September 22, 1816.

Letter, J.S. to Judge Campbell, concerning the quarrel between Lord Selkirk and the North West Co. September 7, 1816.

Sketch of the life of Col. Bishopp, written December, 1813.

Letter, John Strachan to the Hon. Justice Campbell, sending a draft of an address for correction; "the Magistrates and Inhabitants of York beg to congratulate you on the brilliant attack on the enemy on the fifth inst." May 25, 1813. p. 29.

Outline of letter to Dr. Brown, mentioning his journey from Cornwall to York, Brook's victory over Gen. Hull, and the income from his situation at York to be £500. October 19, 1812.

A Speech on presenting a banner to the 3rd Regiment of York Militia, by the ladies of York. n.d. p. 29.

Letter to His Excellency, forwarding a copy of a sermon preached before the Legislature and of an Address drawn up "at the instance of several respectable members of the House of Assembly." Points the use which could be made of the press in the present time of crisis. October 1, 1812. p. 31.

Letter to the Bishop, mentions the death of his young daughter; sends copy of his sermon and address to the inhabitants of Upper Canada. "It will be a very great benefit for us to have our salaries paid in this country." October 1, 1812. p. 32.

Letter to Isaac Todd, urging that he continue his assistance to Robert Scott until he finishes his training for the militia. October 1, 1812. p. 33.

Letter to the Hon. John Richardson, asking him to forward letters to Sir Geo. Prevost and the Bishop. Is not at all satisfied with the "languid manner" in which the war is being conducted and gives a list of 15 advantages which would result from active war. Supports Gen. Brock for his use of Indians. September 30, 1812. p. 54.

Letter to Robert Skelton, Captain of the 1st and 2nd Regiments of the Militia, suggesting that Lieut. Col. Hulse of the Stormont Militia and Jos. Anderson, Major of the same regiment, be employed in raising men for the Incorporated Militia. March 19, 1813. p. 36.

Part of letter to Wm. McGillivray, deploring the present conduct of the war and urging that his troops be employed in Upper Canada. p. 58.

Letter requesting copies of Gazette, from which he wishes to collect material for "a short topographical account" of Upper Canada. April 6, 1813, p. 77.

Letter to Col. Coffin, urging that Major Anderson be given an appointment in the incorporated Militia in the Eastern District. April 16, 1813. p. 77.

Letter to Dr. Brown. Mentions the death of Mr. Cartwright's three children, and of his own small daughter and of his mother. Urges him to publish some of his sermons and his mathematical and physical discoveries. May, 1813, p. 78.

Letter to the Hon. John Richardson, introducing "Mr. John Robinson, our temporary Attorney General" who is the bearer of our authentic narration of the affair at York with some general reflexions which appear to flow naturally from the subject, suggesting that it be published, probably as a pamphlet. "We are all well, the enemy left us on the morning of the 9th but none of them had been on shore since the second." May 10, 1813. p. 79.

Memorandum respecting the American forces. p. 79.

Letter praising the work of Dr. (Cyrus) Sumner and urging that he be appointed Surgeon to the Militia, in order to settle the question of precedence in the hospital. p. 80.

Letter to Geo. Mountain. Is greatly distressed that Mr. Bethune is not to succeed him in Cornwall parish and suggests that Mr. Devereux Baldwin be placed in Elizabethtown or in Mr. Langhorne's place above Kingston. June 21, 1813. p. 81.

Letter to Sir Jas L. Yeo. States that John Ridout, who was captured at York by the Americans, and who is a prisoner, is anxious to commence his naval career under the protection of Sir James, if he could be exchanged. June 25, 1813. p. 82.

Copy of letter from Geo. J. Mountain, at the direction of his father, the Bishop, to John Bethune, stating that he cannot depart from the established rule of ordaining before the completion of the twenty-third year of the candidate. June 19, 1813. p. 82.

Letter for the information of His Excellency, giving an account of a visit to York of the American Fleet, an interview with Commodore Chauncey, the seizure of public stores by American Marines, the search for further stores up the Den and the burning of the barracks, the wood yard and the store houses at Gibraltar Point. August 2nd, 1813. p. 83.

Letter to Dr. (Alexander) Shaw, agreeing to the use of his church as a hospital for the wounded, if necessary. August 11, 1813. p. 84.

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Letter to the Rev. Dr. Owen. Tells of his work with the wounded in hospitals at York. January 1, 1814. p. 98.

Letter to Lieut. Col. Harvey, asking him to secure for him Gen. Drummond's leave to go to Cornwall to see how Mrs. Strachan is situated there. January 4, 1814. p. 99.

Letter to General De Rottenburgh, expressing his readiness to accept a seat in the Executive Council but has not heard whether it has been definitely been offered. May 2, 1814. p. 102.

Letter to Dugald Stewart, Edinburgh, telling of the work of the Loyal and Patriotic Society in York and asking for his assistance on a committee to raise funds. Asks his opinion as to what would be "a rational and useful scheme for a literary establishment" as a friend of his "has left a considerable legacy to found a college in Lower Canada." Winter of 1814. p. 102.

University Colleges

Letter to Mr. Constable, asking to act on a committee to receive subscriptions for the Loyal and Patriotic Society of York. p. 104.

Letter to Hon. Justice Powell. Asks his influence with the Governor Gore to help him procure lands as some remuneration for sums spent in building the Farsenage House at Cornwall. April 15, 1814. p. 104.

Outline of letter to Mr. Richardson, on the progress of the campaign and the coming campaign. April 18, 1814. p. 105.

Memorandum that he has sent £140 to his brother, to be divided between his two sisters. April 28, 1814. p. 105.

Letter to Madam De Rottenburgh, sending some of his verses. May 2, 1814. p. 105.

Memorial to His Honour Gordon Drummond, President Administering the Government, requesting that he (John Strachan) be allowed some remuneration for the improvements which he made in the parsonage in Cornwall. May 3, 1814. p. 106.

Extract from a letter sent to Mr. Richardson, asking for the influence of Mr. R. and his friends in London in the case of a Capt. Barclay. "He has been shamefully sacrificed by Sir George & Sir Jas. Yeo." May 29, 1814. p. 107.

Letter to Col. Harvey, commenting on the importance of the Battle of Stony Creek and asks for some remarks on various engagements in which Col. Harvey took part. June 14, 1814. p. 107.

Letter to Mr. Cartwright, expressing his feelings on the death of Stephen. June 25, 1814. p. 108. "some person zealous for the promotion of religion and the establishment of schools". Thinks it would be a good thing if some of the students could be distended in Upper Canada. p. 108.

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Letter to Noah Trieve, sending his certificate of service for the two months ending 24th October, 1813. November 11, 1814. p. 108.

Note to Mr. Hartney, Barrack Master, demanding the thorough white-washing and cleaning of the church. November 30, 1814. p. 108.

Memorandum of letter to his brother about an order of books. Is ready to provide for his nephew. Sending some money to his sisters. December 4, 1814. p. 109.

Letter to Sam. Sherwood, Andrew Stuart and James Stuart, concerning his plans for two Grammar Schools, one at Quebec and one at Montreal, "to be appendages to and nurseries for an University ~~to be established~~ on the property bequeathed for that purpose by the late Hon. Jas. McGill," with estimates for schools and university. February 14, 1815. pp. 109 - 111, and 115. University  
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Letter to Dr. Morice, acknowledging 25 Bibles, 25 Testaments, and 50 Common Prayer Books. Reports 70 baptisms and 36 marriages. February 1, 1815. p. 112.

Letter to the Rev. Dr. Owen. Tells of the great numbers of wounded and consequent dead; and his work among them. February 24, 1815. p. 112.

A Report of the State of Religion in Upper Canada, drawn up for the Chief Justice and presented by him to General Drummond 1st March, 1815. p. 114.

Report on Education, recommending Schools

- (1) the establishment of a University Universities
  - (2) the continuance of the District Schools with certain modifications. Colleges
  - (3) the establishment of schools in all the populous townships.
- February 26, 1815. p. 116.

Memorial to Lieut. Gen. Drummond, from the Rev. Mr. Addison, Niagara, and the Rev. Dr. Strachan, York, submitting a report on Education, with their recommendations, and means of establishing the General System of Education. p. 118. Education

Memorandum that he has written his brother for two maid servants and a boy. April 24, 1815. p. 120.

Letter to General Drummond. Felicitates him on the attentions he has received from the Prince Regent. Appreciates his introduction to Sir George Murray who "has now assumed the reins of government." May 15, 1815. p. 120.

Letter to "My dear Colonel". Inquiries if the suggestion that he (J. Strachan) be recommended for a seat in one or both Councils has been dropped. Feels the need of "some person" Sympathy on the death of



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Letter to Bishop Jacob Mountain. Tells about the destruction of his house by fire. p. 121.

Letter appealing again for his allowances as Chaplain of the Garrison at York. May 1, 1815. p. 121.

Letter to William McGillivray, requesting information concerning the country, transportation, rivers, &c., which would enable him to reply to Lord Selkirk's prospectus for his settlement on the Red River. May 2, 1815. p. 122.

Letter to Col. Harvey. Hopes he will receive proper reward for his splendid services in the defence of the Province. Requests an abstract of his journal. Fears the terms of the Peace Treaty will not be satisfactory to Upper Canada, and protests that the "great expense of conducting the war ought not therefore to be charged upon the Canadas." Written in the end of February, 1815. p. 122.

Letter to Col. Harvey. Deplores the loss of "the greater part of the materials and manuscripts respecting the war" due to his "distressing accident." "Had you been Ad. General of N. America Sir George would have returned to England in a very different manner. He is a sensible man and writes artfully and well but he has no confidence in himself & no self possession in the Field. He is jealous, the certain indication of a little mind; he alive to trifles and incapable of embracing comprehensive views. If instead of Beines' grovelling selfishness, you had been with him to infuse your energy and combination (?) into his plans for the defence of the Canadas the invading armies never would have returned." Resents the conduct of Sir James Yeo towards Barclay. "Of the two, Sir George & Sir Jas., I think the latter the worse - the former has no genius & was surrounded by wretched advisers, the latter acted wrong from pure perverseness. I hope the conduct of both will be strictly inquired into." March 31, 1815. p. 123.

Letter to Sir George Murray. Sends him some information concerning the religious and moral instruction of the people of Upper Canada. Regrets his early departure from the Province. June 12, 1815. p. 124.

Extract of a letter written by the Chief Justice Scott to General Sir George Murray, giving details of the case of Captain Barclay and requesting his influence with the Lords Commissioners "whereby this young man (for he is not thirty) might be enabled with comfort to spend the rem'r of a life which has been devoted to his country." June 5, 1815. p. 124.

Letter to Mrs. Cartwright, sending his sympathy on the death of her husband. p. 125.

Letter to Chief Justice Sewell, introducing John Robinson, Sol'r Gen. of Upper Canada "who is on his way to England with the laudable intention of perfecting himself in his profession." Requests letters of introduction to some of his professional friends. August 26, 1815. p. 126.

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Letter to the Bishop of Quebec. Mentions four candidates for Holy Orders who might be considered as worthy of assistance from "the Society" - William Mauley, "who will certainly be brought forward to the Church whether he receive it or not"; a son of the late Dr. Rolph. "The bounty to him would I am persuaded be most acceptable as the affairs of the family are not so prosperous as was expected." Two young men at Kingston, students under Mr. Whitelaw, are the others suggested. Hopes he himself will be continued under the Society, and tells of some of his recent expences and losses. September 15, 1816. p. 126.

Draft of remarks to be sent to Sir George Murray, respecting the re-union of the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, should he reply to the letter of J.C. p. 128.

Letter "to the Priest". Has just received his appointment as an honorary member of the Executive Council. Asks him the price of two acres of his land in Kingston. September 25, 1815. p. 129.

Letter to Major Gen. Sir Geo. Murray, making a strong protest against the proposed removal of the seat of Government from York to Kingston, which "should not be considered a military but a civil question." p. 129.

Another letter, pointing out the disadvantages, &c., of the proposed removal of the seat of Government from York to Kingston. p. 131.

Memorandum of letter to Mr. Auldjo, sending queries concerning the purchase of an annuity. October 16, 1815. p. 130.

Draft of letter to his brother, respecting the ordering of some books. October 16, 1815. p. 130.

Instructions to Mr. Thomas Cartwright, as to his conduct and lessons. Kingston, September 11, 1815. p. 135.

Letter concerning the finances of a partnership in which he (John Strachan) is interested. p. 136.

Inscription on tombstone at grave of Richard Cartwright and on tablet in the church in Montreal. p. 138.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec, on various matters connected with the Church of England in Upper Canada, such as tithes, a Corporation, &c. "Wm. Mauley and Romaine Rolph entered in January as students on the Society's fund in virtue of your Lordship's letter accepting of my recommendation." p. 139. March 12, 1816.

Letter to the Chief Justice, concerning the payment of a permanent salary to the Speaker of the Legislative Council. March 28, 1816. p. 140.



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Letter to Rev. Psalter Mountain, concerning the decision of the Society respecting his salary - refers to the discount of 17% and income tax of £10. April 8, 1816. p. 141.

Letter concerning the printing of his sermon and sends a list of persons to whom copies are to be forwarded. April 8, 1816. p. 141.

Letter to Clifford. Regrets their two families are separated. Admires his "very fine view of the battle of Cryler's Farm." Tells of the loss of his home by fire and of his efforts to provide an income for the widow who owned the house. Comments on his services during the war, as chaplain to the sick and wounded; in connection with the Loyal and Patriotic Society, for which he has been given a seat in the Executive Council; his efforts to rouse the loyalty of the people during the war and to promote "true religion and the sound education," and his future plans for both. "I feel some scruples about applying for remuneration for humane services. I should like better some professional notice or advancement and I stand so well with the Gov't here that anything done for me will afford much pleasure." Is pleased that the Civil Governor is back at York "for we found your Military ~~was~~ slow in transacting civil business." Is busy investigating the claims of sufferers by the war. April 25, 1816. p. 142.

Copy of certificate of Dr. Wm. Lee as to the numbers of the sick and wounded in hospital at York in 1813 & 1814. March 14, 1816. p. 144.

Letter, Col. J. Harvey, Adjutant General's Office, Quebec, to the Rev. Dr. Strachan, covering Dr. Lee's certificate. March 3, 1811 (?). p. 144.

Letter to the Rev. & Hon. Chas. Stewart, introducing Mr. Justice Powell "a gentleman of uncommon talents. His knowledge of this province (and perhaps of the Lower) exceeds that of any man living." April 27, 1816. p. 144.

Note to the Lieut. Governor, apologizing for the omission of two prayers. April 29, 1816. p. 145.

Memorial of John Strachan, Clerk Chaplain to the Garrison of York Upper Canada, to the Ven. Archdeacon John Owen, D.D., Chaplain General. Gives a detailed account of his services with the sick and wounded during the war and asks for "such remuneration for his extraordinary and unforeseen labour and exertions as shall appear reasonable." April 16, 1816. p. 146.

Letter to Dr. Owen accompanying his Memorial and documents, concerning his services during the war, 1812 - 14. April 16, 1816. p. 146.

Letter concerning the building of work new chimneys. June 15, 1817. p. 155.

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Outline of letter to Capt. Dobbs, about the education of "Thomas"  
 "Dissuade the Irish from emigrating unless uncomfortable."  
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Outline of letter to John Robinson, on various matters. "If Prime  
 Minister, I must have a Bishoprick." p. 150. May 7, 1816.

Outline of letter to Mr. Auldjo. Decides not to purchase the  
 annuity now enjoyed by Mrs. Strachan. "I sold by bill of  
 £1060 at some profit. I am advised to purchase wild lands in  
 good situations." May 2, 1816. p. 150.

Letter to Mr. Crookshank, sending draft of an epitaph for his brother,  
 Andrew Crookshank. June 17, 1816. p. 181.

List of questions submitted by the Bishop concerning inhabitants  
 and religions, with answers by J. Strachan. July 9, 1816. p. 152.

Letter to the Treasurer, S.P.G., sending a bill of exchange for  
 £168: 8: 6, Stg., to be paid to Alexander Wood. September 12,  
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Letter to the Rev. Anthony Hamilton, Leicester Square, London,  
 concerning various financial matters with the S.P.G. Has  
 drawn on the Society for £50, "being an allowance for two  
 students of Divinity placed under my care by the Lord Bishop  
 of Quebec" - William Macaulay and Romaine Rolph. Tells of a  
 recent visit to the Indians on the Grand River and to the  
 settlements under Col. Tabbot, on Lake Erie. September 12,  
 1816. p. 158.

James;

Letter to his brother, ordering school books to the value of  
 £400 Stg., with instructions for shipping. February 4, 1817. ✓  
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Letter to the Bishop who has arrived in England. Tells of the  
 defeat of his School Bill for the second time. Does not think  
 the Church of England properly represented in the Legislative  
 Council, of the 8 members 5 being Presbyterians, one Catholic  
 and one Anglican - one doubtful. Draws his attention to two  
 resolutions proposed to the House of Assembly, concerning the  
 Crown and Clergy Reserves, as an obstacle to settlements and  
 as too lavish a support for a Protestant Clergy. Calls his  
 attention to "the revolutionary spirit with which they are  
 pregnant." Suggests himself for a position in the Legislative  
 Council, "I know that I can render more assistance than any  
 other person in the Province" on account of his friendship with  
 the majority of the members. Through the increasing number of  
 his pupils in the Legislature, he will wield an increasing  
 influence on the legislation, therefore asks his influence in this  
 appointment. May 12, 1817. p. 163. ✓ p. 115  
 Mrs. Brown in case of  
 accident. Mentions several friends. November 13, 1817. p. 179.  
 Letter concerning the building of some new chimneys. June 16,  
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Letter reporting on the condition of the Church - a new church eight miles from York, many requests for services, the need of clergymen, &c. Aug. 4, 1817. p. 169.

Letter telling of the appointment of William Jarvis as Acting Secretary. August 18, 1817. p. 170.

Letter to Governor Gore, sent to New York, commenting on conditions in the Canadas, the relation of the two provinces to each other, &c. June 16, 1817. p. 171.

Letter to Mrs. Gore, sent to New York, Expresses his regret at her departure from Upper Canada. June 16, 1817. p. 172.

Letter to "Dear Major". Referring to how much the Governor missed him, "His mind, generous and confiding and therefore sometimes impetuous, requires a friend on whom to repose." Asks him to procure his Mandamus as full Councillor. June 4, 1817. p. 173.

Letter to the Lieut. Governor, pointing the need of having a majority of members of the Church of England in the Legislative Council and asks that he appoint him. Thinks he can influence several members in the Council and through his pupils control legislation in the Assembly. May 22, 1817. p. 173.

Letter to the Bishop. States that Mr. Stoughton and Mr. Merritt are ready to be admitted to Holy Orders, and urges that this be done soon in view of "a large importation of English Methodist clergymen" and as "the Anabaptists begin to make their appearance." Is greatly distressed that "Mr. McDonell, the Catholic Priest" has been able to increase the number of his clergy in Upper Canada making "two more than there are clergymen of the Church of England." "it is whispered about that Mr. McDonell is to be created Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada and that a Catholic Bishop is to be appointed for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward." Urges him to procure a letter from the Secretary of State "informing us what the Established Church is and that the Reserves are for its benefit and for it alone and if the letter added that H.M. Gov't expected the hearty co-operation of those high in office here in promoting the prosperity of the Establishment & affording it every assistance, it would have a most wonderful effect." Comments on the need of a "seminary upon a more extended scale than any we yet have," but objects to it being established in Kingston. Objects to the management of the church lands in the Town and Township of York. Adds that an assistant would permit excursions to be made to out-lying districts. November 10, 1817. p. 175.

Outline of letter to Dr. Brown, Edinburgh. Advises him to publish some of his works, to raise a fund for Mrs. Brown in case of accident. Mentions several friends. November 13, 1817. p. 179.

third dividend of Prize Money for the capture of Fort Niagara which you so generously appropriated to the L. S. P. Society. February 9, 1818. p. 180.

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Outline of letter to Thomas Duncan. Gives an account of his activities since 1804. November 15, 1817. p. 180.

Outline of letter to his brother, concerning an order of books. Mentions the birth of a son. November 15, 1817. p. 180.

Letter to Francis Gore. Expresses his regret at his decision not to return to Upper Canada. Is writing an account of their journey to the Westward in 1816" and intends to introduce "the more prominent parts of your administration and the benefits you have conferred upon the Colony."----- "To place your labours in this country in their proper point of view is the only tribute of respect left to me to pay ----- it is required by Justice when such persons as Thorpe, Wyatt and Firth are endeavouring to soil your well-earned reputation." ----- "Col. Talbot was dissatisfied with the measures taken respecting him before your departure. --- It will be better for Gov't to give him a tract of land at once & not continue the pernicious system of giving him 200 acres for every settler to whom he assigns 50. This mode of settling makes the Gov't odious & the inhabitants dissatisfied. ----- It is only justice to remark that he has settled Talbot Road most rapidly and I believe with great justice." November 15, 1817. p. 180.

Letter to "Rev. Sir", concerning his relations with Col. Nichol, both personally and in the House, as well as Col. Nichol's relations with Governor Gore. October, 1817. p. 181.

Letter to Chief Justice Powell, asking his assistance in securing the appointment of Inspector or Superintendent of Schools. December 23, 1817. p. 183. ✓ Board of Education Sch. 15

Memorial to "Your Honor", pointing out the advisability of having a Superintendent of Education appointed for the province, gives a list of duties to be performed, and his own qualifications for the position. Offers his services gratuitously. December 29, 1817. p. 184. ✓ B. rd of Education

Letter to the Rev. Anthony Hamilton, Leicester Square, London, reporting on the activities of a "Mr. Cook, calling himself a clergyman from England" who came out to Upper Canada with Mrs. Small, wife of John Small, Clerk of the Council, who "is trying to make a division in the parish and to carve out a congregation." January 2, 1817. p. 185.

Letter to "My dear Major". Thanks him for procuring and forwarding his Mandamus. Comments on the disadvantages of being called on to be peace-maker to many of his friends. Gives a resume of the speech of the Administrator at the Opening of the House. February, p. 186.

Letter to Lieut. Gen. Sir Gordon Drummond. Has just heard of "your third dividend of Prize Money for the capture of Fort Niagara which you so generously appropriated to the L. & P. Society." February 9, 1818. p. 188.

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Letter to Bishop Mountain, concerning the Resolutions brought forward by the Legislative Assembly; is pleased that the Bishop has recommended him to a seat in the Legislative Council. Referring to the rumour that the Bishop is to be promoted to the Bench in England, mentions the things he would like to see accomplished before he severs his connection, respecting (1) Clergy Reserves, (2) School appropriations and (3) Government support of Mr. McGill's legacy. Reports his school flourishing but would like a grant of 200 per annum. February 9, 1818. p. 188. ✓  
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Letter to the Hon. & Rev. Chas. Stewart, respecting a loan of "five or six hundred pounds free of Int. for two or three years to enable us to enlarge our church." February 16, 1818. p. 190.

Letter to Governor Gore. Comments on some of the difficulties in the Government and with the Administrator. April 10, 1818. p. 191.

Letter to Major Hillier, telling him of the fight in the House over the Agency Bill and how it affects him (Major H.). April 10, 1818. p. 193.

Letter to William Gray, regarding the account for printing the report of the Loyal & Patriotic Society. April 27, 1818. p. 194.

Letter to Gerrard, Gillespie & Co., Merchants, Montreal, notifying them that he has drawn on them for the amount of account for printing the report of the Loyal & Patriotic Society by William Gray. April 27, 1818. p. 195.

Letter to Blackwood & LaRoque, Merchants, Montreal, notifying them that he is drawing on them for £125, for expenses of enlarging his church. June 18, 1818. p. 196.

Same to same, June 29, 1818. p. 196.

Letter to Col. Harvey. Comments on the Administrator, Col. S. Smith. "Is I believe a good man but without talent or energy. At the same time his apathy is astonishing and hardly ever to be moved, nor does he seem to possess a spark of that dignified feeling which ought to direct him in conducting the affairs of His Gov't." Gives an account of Mr. Gourlay's proceedings since his arrival in Upper Canada. Proposed by Mr. Clarke and Mr. Dickson, he was received with attention by the Administrator. Tells of the publishing of his first address in the Provincial Gazette, the means he took to obtain information for his topographical account of the Province, the antagonism aroused against J. Strachan and his arrest in Kingston. Deplores the weakness of the Legislative Council. Is looking forward to the arrival of the new Governor, Sir Peregrine Maitland. June 22, 1818. p. 197.

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Letter in which he discusses the attitude of the Government towards emigration, especially from the United States, from Governor Simcoe's time when "valuable privileges" were offered to Loyalists and their friends; through President Russell's time, when they "were received promiscuously from the States without let or hindrance;" the efforts of General Hunter to "check this promiscuous introduction of Americans and to bring it back to the state in which Gen. Simcoe left it;" the continuance of this policy under Gen. Gore previous to the late war "notwithstanding several memorials from different Districts exhibiting its impolicy." Tells of the attitude of many of these American settlers during the war and gives his opinion how best to deal with the present situation. June 22, 1818. p. 199.

Letter to the Rev. Curtous (?), of the Compassionate Society, giving replies to a number of questions as to prospects for emigrants in Upper Canada. June 29, 1818. p. 201.

Memorial to the Administrator, giving his opinion as to what attitude should be taken in regard to Mr. Gourlay and his friends. July 3, 1818. p. 205.

Letter to "Your Honor". Protests the treatment which has been given Mr. Wood who has been overlooked as a Commissioner for inquiring into the improvements necessary to be made in the navigation between Upper and Lower Canada on the St. Lawrence. July 23, 1818. p. 204.

Letter stating that no claim had been preferred for the burning of the church at Niagara but suggests that he would be pleased to receive subscriptions towards the repairing and enlarging of his church. July 27, 1818. p. 204.

Letter to Lieut. Col. Harvey. Gives an account of the Convention at which Gourlay "directed them like children" and of how Gourlay's attacks on Strachan roused great opposition to Gourlay on the part of former pupils, especially in the Eastern, Johnston and Midland Districts. "The President of the Convention, Col. Bassely, is not unknown to you. He behaved poorly during the war and is a disagreeable, weak, discontented character. When General Brock was going to Detroit, he took the bucket & chain from his well that the Volunteers of the York Militia marching with General might not drink." July 27, 1818. p. 205.

Letter giving some idea of the difficulty in having claims settled by the Home Ministry on account of the "pressure of the times." July 3, 1818. p. 206.

Letter concerning some misunderstandings as to settlement of claims for losses in the late war. July 3, 1818. p. 206.

Letter inquiring as to lots for Col. Harvey. August 12, 1818. Memorandum attached as to locations made in Percy, Durham and Murray. p. 207.



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Letter to "My dear Colonel", concerning a grant, and tells of several good districts for location. "We are well pleased with what we have seen of Sir Peregrine. He must, however, have been disgusted with us for nothing was in readiness for his reception but he will gradually discover that unless we had dethroned our late President nothing could move him to exertion even when he saw the necessity." August 24, 1818. p. 208.

Letter to the Rev. George Mountain, asking for a copy of the rules and regulations governing the Diocesan Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge in Quebec. Would like to know when the Bishop is expected back from England, as he has two or three young men fit for holy orders. Would also like a copy of the Commission incorporating the Clergy of his part of the Diocese for the purpose of superintending the Clergy Reserves. May 24, 1818. p. 209.

Letter to Mr. Gray, Editor, Montreal Herald. Understands that Lord Selkirk intends to prosecute him on account of his printed letter published in his name. As the great offence seems to be the republication at Montreal, asks for an affidavit to the effect that the publication "took place without my knowledge or consent." September 8, 1818. Private. p. 210.

Letter to the Rev. Mr. Stuart, concerning the settlement of the estate of Mr. Cartwright and a legacy to Mrs. Stuart. Suggests that applications for land be made directly to the officials but a private letter be written to him, otherwise "the clerk of the office has some reason to complain of closing part of his dues." September 14, 1818. p. 210.

Letter regarding a remittance for the purchase of furniture. September 16, 1818. p. 211.

Outline of letter to the Hon. Mr. Richardson. Notes that the greater part of the American Army is at Detroit or west of it. "Our posts exhibit ----- poverty, weakness and decay." Mentions that Lord Selkirk has been arrested at Detroit. September 17, 1818. p. 211.

Letter to Lt. Col. Sheedy, Private Secretary. Acknowledges his appointment as one of the Trustees of the Schools of Royal Foundation under the Provincial Act of 41 Geo. 3rd. 1777 for the advancement of learning in the Province of Lower Canada. November 2, 1818. p. 212.

Letter acknowledging a draft for £4,000 Stg. on account of "subscriptions in London" for relief of sufferers by the war in Canada. November 9, 1818. p. 213. Board of  
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Letter to his brother. Cannot settle all his bill for books on account of the expense of building his house and furnishing it. "I find myself nearly two thousand pounds in debt. This I shall clear away, if God spare me a few years, and then I shall be the best lodged man in Canada." Mentions some prints to be sent out. Sends an order for books, papers, &c. December 7, 1818. p. 213.

Letter to Francis Gore. Gives his first impression of Sir Peregrine Maitland; his attitude towards his work, towards his predecessor, F. Gore, and towards Courlay. Comments on the trial of the North West Company and Col. Talbot who "has got five years more to settle his lands ----- and such is the increase of emigration that all these lands will be covered in a year more and the Col. will have a princely domain and a princely fortune." Has moved into his new house which he finds delightful but expensive. December 8, 1818. p. 215.

Letter to "My dear Major." "You describe the Gov'r and Lady Sarah well. They are excellent people, very religious and exemplary." Refers to Col. Nichol's quarrel with Governor Gore. Has recommended James Givins to Mr. G. Wood, to become a merchant. December 8, 1818. p. 216.

Letter to Dr. Brown. Comments on Lord Selkirk's activities. "The arts made use of by his Lordship to obstruct and contaminate the cause of justice and to turn the proceedings of the law into an engine of oppression have exhibited wonderful talent and resource which in a better cause might have produced much good." Refers to his own controversy with Lord Selkirk who "respected his Colony only and the deceptions he was practising on the poor people in Scotland. My motive was entirely disinterested and had nothing to do with the rivalry with the North West Company or the propriety of the fur trade." States that, in issuing his pamphlet, his only object was "to give an opportunity to my poor countrymen of deciding after hearing both side of the question." "I can likewise assure you that his Lordship was not abandoned by the Government till he abandoned justice and humanity,..... but from the first I believe it was a deep laid scheme to ruin the trade of the North West Company." Comments on the needs of a growing family - four boys and two girls. "We have got a new Governor, a very pious, excellent man, exceedingly disposed to promote the cause of religion & education. I have proposed to him to establish a University and he seems inclined." "There has been here for a year past a Mr. Gourlay from Fifeshire, trying to set us by the ears. He has done a great deal of mischief in the Colony by seditious publications exciting discontent among the people. I saw through him at once & opposed him with my usual vigour, upon which the Press groaned with his abuse of me. By this he destroyed much of his influence, ----- & notwithstanding the censure he has received he has done harm by creating uneasiness, irritations & exciting unreasonable hopes." December 1, 1818 p. 217.

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Letter to Sir Peregrine Maitland, suggesting two projects for the support of a new bishop. December 25, 1818. p. 220.

Letter reporting the steps being taken by Sir Peregrine Maitland to aid in the retirement of the Bishop. Mentions the qualities and characteristics needed in a missionary bishop in Upper Canada. Reports his church just finished and that he plans to start a monthly religious magazine. January 11, 1819. p. 220.

Letter to Miles McDonell, disputing an account for the purchase of a horse. Explains the break in their friendly intercourse to be due to his understanding that M. McD. was to be "a material evidence against" him in the prosecution being brought by Lord Selkirk on account of a pamphlet. February 22, 1819. p. 221.

Letter to Lt. Col. Nichol. Has heard that he is to move a vote of censure on Governor Gore, which he hopes is not true; also a resolution stating that the granting of lands rests with the Assembly and not with the King or his representative - "The absurdity of which excites my astonishment." February 25, 1819. p. 222.

Letter to the Bishop, concerning his exertions "to place the Church upon a more respectable footing". Regrets his "unguarded expressions" in his letter. Recommends Mr. Beaulieu Scott for the 250 from the Society, formerly held by Mr. McAulay. *Boulton* March 12, 1819. p. 223.

Letter to Lt. Col. Nichol. Is willing to submit the names of his friends for commissions as Justices of the Peace. "Differing so widely from you on the two subjects noticed in yours of the 24 March, any further discussion would be unprofitable at present. I wished that Mr. Gore might be let alone by the House, not that I think he has anything to fear or that his administration cannot be defended but on account of those likely to bring it forward, and the heats to which it may give rise." May 3, 1819. p. 224.

Letter to the Bishop. Congratulates him on his return; reports on the progress of the church in Upper Canada and grants to churches at Amherstburgh, Sandwich and Belleville. Reports on Mr. Romaine Rolph's studies and general preparation for the Church. Suggests that Alexander Bethune succeed to the patronage which Mr. Stoughton has had. July 25, 1819. p. 225.

Letter pointing out the necessity for a seal in order to carry on business as a Corporation of the Clergy Reserves. July 27, 1819. p. 226.

Letter concerning the law ordering the trials for crimes committed in the Indian Territories to be tried in any District, and the opposition to it. "It is to be hoped that when William Bome's house in the fall there will be a coalition between you and the Hudson's Bay. This must be the case sooner or later & it is better now than hereafter." July 27, 1819. p. 226.

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Letter demanding settlement of some notes long outstanding. October 5, 1819. pp. 227. Assistance from our Legislature this winter for both Catholics and Protestants," and action Extract from a letter to W. McGillivray, concerning November 13, Resolutions dealing with the remaining funds of the Loyal and Patriotic Society and plans for their disposal.

December 21, 1819. pp. 229. "I am so generally the opinion of everybody here, that I ought to give Letter to Rev. Anthony Hamilton, Leicester Square, London, re: I reporting on St. James' Church alterations and addition's to the building, sale of pews, increase in communicants, & SUNDAY SCHOOL, &c. January 5, 1820. pp. 230. Resolves "and on the immediate abolition of the Corporation and the Church".

Letter recommending a Mr. Campbell, to the Bishop; refers to his own comments on a sermon; and mentions the first regular meeting of the Royal Institute. January 17, 1820. p. 231.

Memorandum respecting the University in Lower Canada. January 24, 1820. p. 232. universities/ colleges

Memorandum on the Religion of the Province - for the Lt. Governor. p. 232.

Letter to his brother, James. Tells of their nephew being with him. Comments on his brother's "Journal". "The opinions it supports respecting the Powers that be & the remarks on Courlay and Radicals are not agreeable to the Northern critics." After hearing of the criticisms on it, promises an enlarged new edition. June 18, 1820. p. 235.

Answers to his brother's letter of November, 1820.

Letter to Major Hillier stating that he was appointed to the office of District Schoolmaster on the 19th of August, 1812. Gives a statement of finances. September 17, 1820. p. 236. Board of education

Same to same, stating that he was appointed Chaplain to the Legislative Council by General Brock on the 27th July, 1812, with an annual salary of £50. September 17, 1820. p. 237.

Letter to the Rt. Rev. Alex'r McDonell, stating his attitude towards the payment of a salary to clergy of churches other than the Church of England, from Provincial funds. September 4, 1820. p. 237.

Letter to Lord Brougham re: some remarks dealing

Letter to his brother, James, acknowledging a shipment of books, haddock, marmalade, &c. Makes up his account. Comments on the enlarged second edition of his brother's "Journal" as the first "has done much good and has assisted not a little in directing the stream of emigration from the States to this country." Orders some clothes to be sent. "I like the shoes & boots very well and should have liked them better had they not been rights & lefts. I have always been in the habit of changing my shoes & boots from one foot to the other but it is of little avail." Sends a list of books wanted. November 13, 1820. p. 239.

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Letter to the Bishop, discussing the report that "an attempt will be made to procure assistance from our Legislature this winter for both Catholics and Presbyterians," and action which has already been taken along these lines. November 13, 1820. p. 241.

Same to same. "It appeared to be so generally the opinion of everybody here, the Lt. Governor, &c., that I ought to give up the Chaplaincy on being promoted to the Upper House that I did not think it prudent to avail myself of your Lordship's authority & sent in my resignation." Mentions the advantages of the Church of England in having the Clergy Reserves "under the immediate direction of the Corporation and the Church", discusses the question of leases, &c. "The Catholics attempted a Speaker in the House of Assembly but failed." Comments on the bill before the Lower House "giving all denominations the power of marrying," the question of marriage licenses, the advisability of providing Sunday School books from the Society, &c. February 26, 1821. p. 244.

Same to same, giving information concerning a lease held by Rob't Randall, February 27, 1821. p. 245.

Letter to Rev. Geo. J. Mountain, urging the necessity of a seal for the Corporation. Recommends that assistance may be given towards the erection of a church at Vittoria. Draws attention to the case of Mr. Armour who has been a candidate for Holy Orders for two years. April 1, 1822. p. 248.

Answers to his circular to the clergy of 13 November, 1827. p. 250.

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" " population for '28. p. 261 - 263.

Reference made to the College Council by the Chancellor on Saturday, the 29th May, 1830. p. 266.

Letter to Lord Brougham & Vaux, transmitting some remarks dealing with disturbances in Lower Canada. April 18, 1834. p. 285.

Letter to Sir John Campbell, H.M. Attorney General, re same. April 18, 1834. p. 285.

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Letters (including some to the Rev. Mr. Strachan) and other documents in the hands of Mrs. Strachan.

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Three Oaths of Allegiance taken by Jas. Magrath, A.M. p. 11.

License authorizing James Magrath "to the cure of souls at the Credit in the Township of Toronto." p. 2.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec. Reports that Mr. Luggier has returned to the Indian Village; that he has administered the oaths to Mr. Magrath whose departure to his church has been delayed on account of sickness; and that he is anticipating the arrival of Alan Macaulay. October 25, 1827. p. 4.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec. Is disturbed at the activities of Dr. Lee and the Kirk of Scotland who dispute "the claim of the Church of England to be regarded as an establishment in Canada." Urges that the case for the Church of England should be laid before His Majesty and the Home Government. November 5, 1827. p. 6.

Same to same, re same. Private. November 5, 1827. p. 8.

Circular letter to be sent to clergy asking information as to services, church buildings, prospects, &c. November 13, 1827. p. 8.

Letter to the Archdeacon of Quebec. Begs him to urge the Bishop to take action in order that Mr. Robinson's hands may be strengthened when placing the case of the Church of England before the Commons. December 26, 1827. p. 9.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec. In urging that Mr. McLaurin be admitted to Holy Orders, gives his reasons for thinking that he has "a strong claim upon us." Places the case of Mr. Petterson of Markham before him. Reports Allan Macaulay as being ill ever since his arrival. December 24, 1827. p. 9.

Letter to the Archdeacon of Quebec. Dissents from the measure adopted by the Archdeacon "That our Congregations should petition to be heard by Counsel in maintenance of our exclusive right to the Reserves," and gives his reasons. December 26, 1827. p. 9.

Letter to Geo. C. Salmon, Long Point, asking some questions as to the Episcopal Church in that district. January 1, 1828. p. 11.

Letter to the Rev. Luggier, asking for information as to the condition of the Church of England in his part of the London District. January 1, 1828. p. 11.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec, asking permission to apply to the Church Missionary Society for four missionaries for the Indians in Upper Canada. January 7, 1828. p. 11.

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Letter to the Bishop of Quebec. Tells of his activities in connection with the Reserves; his opinion of the feeling in Upper Canada on the question; his survey of York which shows 332 families of which 166 attend the Church of England. p. 12.

Letter to the Rev. Dr. Addison. Has arranged for Allan Macaulay to attend to Dr. A's duty in the Lower House. Refers to his own acceptance of the Presidency of the University and his recognition of Dr. A's claim to the same. January 23, 1828. p. 13. University  
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Memorandum as to the printing and distribution of 1000 copies of the Bishop's letter on the Reserves. January 12, 1828. p. 14.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec, recommending that some pecuniary assistance be given to Mr. Armour. February 5, 1828. p. 14.

Letter to the Archdeacon of Kingston. Refers to the opening of the new church in Kingston. Comments on his disapproval of the plan of the Bishop of petitioning by congregations in the matter of the Reserves. "Reference to the people at large smells too much of Democracy for me." Mentions the arrangements made for his assistant - Robert Cartwright to be his curate for a year or two at \$100 per annum and in the meantime Allan Macaulay to act. Now that Peter Robinson has arrived, hopes to take action on selling and leasing the Reserves according to the late Act. February 15, 1828. p. 14.

Letter to the Rev. William Parker, urging that Toronto may be made the headquarters in the Upper Province for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. April 12, 1828. p. 15.

Letter to Jonathan Greeley, Sophiasburgh. Advises him to lay his case before the Bishop when he visits Hallowell shortly. August 13, 1828. p. 16.

Letter to Dr. Hamilton, S.P.C., replying to the charges of Mr. Ryerson with reference to Dr. Strachan's statement that "the majority of the Methodist Teachers were educated in the United States." August 14, 1828. p. 16. Education

Letter to Mr. Hargreave, re same. August 15, 1828. p. 19.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec, enclosing application of Jonathan Greeley, Sophiasburgh, and stating that he will wait upon His Lordship at Hallowell to present it. Reports on his reply to Ryerson's charges. August 16, 1828. p. 21.

Copy of letter, G. Mountain to J. Strachan, asking for information concerning the funds of the Corporation, to meet expenses of Attorney General Robinson in presenting the case of the Church of England before the Commons. November 18, 1828. p. 21.

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Letter to the Rev. Geo. Mountain. Reports the funds of the Corporation entirely exhausted but that it is expected that affairs will be in better order shortly. Sends copy of letter which he sent to Mr. Clever concerning Mr. C's application for the office of Secretary to the Clergy Corporation, which position has been filled by G. H. Markland. Is concerned lest the Ministry should "not only give up the Reserves but seem even inclined to remodel the Charter of the University of King's College by striking out the claim ordaining that the Council shall sign individually the 39 articles, and dispensing with such signature even in Divinity Degrees." December 2, 1828. p. 22.

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Copy of letter from G. Mountain, concerning the funds of the Corporation. States that the Bishop would like to know "how far it may be likely that these services (of Attorney General Robinson) could be at our disposal." December 16, 1828. p. 23.

Copy of letter from J. B. Robinson declining to act on behalf of the Bishop and Clergy of Upper Canada, in presenting their case in the Reserves before the Commons. December 29, 1828. p. 24.

Letter regretting that Attorney General Robinson declines going to England to present the case of the Church of England in the Reserves question. Suggests that the Bishop might go instead, accompanied by clergy from each Province, who would relieve him of the drudgery. Comments on threatened changes in the Charter of King's College. December 31, 1828. p. 25.

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Letter stating he has received applications from two young men, candidates for the church, John Powell and Adam Elliott. December 31, 1828. p. 27.

Letter to ---- Hall. Gives an account of the threats to change the Charter of King's College and states his stand in the matter. December 29, 1828. p. 27.

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Letter from G. Mountain to J. Strachan. States that the Bishop regrets that the Attorney General is not prepared to undertake the case of the Church of England before the Commons on the Reserves; that the Bishop does not entertain the idea of going himself but suggests that J.S. would be the most suitable person, but will await the coming mail, as he does not expect that the question between the Churches of England and Scotland in this Diocese "will not be definitively disposed of" for a while. January 13, 1829. p. 28.

Letter to the Archdeacon of Quebec. Encloses Messages of the new Governor to the Assembly and Council, commenting on them. Altho' inconvenient, is prepared to go to England, if necessary. January 21, 1829. Private and Confidential. p. 29.

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Letter to the Rev. J. Bethune. Gives his reasons for thinking the Bishop should be the one to go to England on the Reserves question; comments on the report of the Committee. Is prepared to go to England, if necessary and refers to the possibility of J.B. going. January 26, 1829. p. 30.

Letter to the Bishop, giving an outline of the correspondence covering the advisability of sending envoys to England to present the case of the Church of England on the Reserves, and protesting any desire to go unless necessary; but in case of projected changes in the Charter of the University, thinks he should go to defend it. February 8, 1829. p. 32. universities/  
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Letter to the Church Missionary Society, urging that missions be established among the Indians of Upper Canada. March 23, 1829. p. 34.

Letter to the Rev. Anthony Hamilton, sending a report on Indian Missions in Upper Canada. States that the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the Civil Government of Canada has done "us" much harm. March 25, 1829. p. 36.

Same to same, enclosing a letter to be laid before the Ecclesiastical Board respecting the University of King's College. Thinks Sir John Colborne "a sincere friend to the Church and most anxious to promote education." April 13, 1829. p. 37. universities/  
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Letter to the Bishop of London, concerning the threatened changes in the Charter of King's College. April 15, 1829. p. 37. universities/  
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Letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, re same. April 14, 1829. p. 38.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec, pointing out the need of travelling missionaries. Reports many applications for missionaries and assistance to build churches. April 7, 1829. p. 39.

Letter to James Stephen. Comments on the need of four missionaries for Indians in Upper Canada. Points out "the error and the remedy of your recent treatment of the Canadas." Mentions the trial of Mr. Justice Willis and defends Mr. Justice Sherwood whom he attacked. April 11, 1829. p. 40.

Letter to Rt. Hon. Sir George Murray. States his objections to any change in the Charter of King's College and begs that it be given a few years' fair trial. Private. May 4, 1829. p. 42. universities/  
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Letter to the Bishop of Quebec. States that he will begin his preparations for confirmation in June. May 4, 1829. p. 45.

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Letter to the Archdeacon of Quebec, requesting that he give a public explanation of his speech at the opening of McGill College, as far as it referred to the offer of a post to Dr. Strachan. July 15, 1829. p. 45.

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Letter to Mr. Mayerhoffer, concerning his removal to Markham. August 26, 1829. p. 47.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec. Does not advise dividing Mr. Anderson's district. Has suggested that Mr. Mayerhoffer visit Markham, and has given him a letter of introduction to Mr. Peterson. August 26, 1829. p. 48.

Letter to the Rev. Alex'r Bethune. Understands that the Presbytery of the Canadas have appointed a Committee to draught a Petition to the Legislature respecting the District and Common Schools. Advises him as to action to be taken against such. September 28, 1829. Private. p. 49.

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Letter to Mr. Peterson, advising him of the Bishop's arrangements to provide him with a retiring income, when Mr. Mayerhoffer takes over Markham and Vaughan. October 1, 1829. p. 50.

Letter to Mr. Mayerhoffer, re same. October 1, 1829. p. 50.

Letter to the Bishop, enclosing copies of his letters to Mr. Peterson and Mr. Mayerhoffer. October 12, 1829. p. 51.  
Memorandum giving his opinion of Mr. Mayerhoffer.

Same to same. Reports the death of the Rev. Mr. Addison. Recommends that Mr. Green be appointed to the charge and gives his reasons. October 14, 1829. p. 52.

Letter to Lord Gambier, President of the Church Missionary Society, urging the establishing of missions among the Indians of Upper Canada. October 15, 1829. p. 53.

Letter to Lord Teignmouth, re same. p. 53, & 56.

Part of letter to Mr. Hargreave. Mentions his own efforts in support of the Church in Upper Canada and his willingness to go to England concerning the Reserves and the Charter of the University under certain agreements and understandings. October 19, 1829. p. 54.

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Letter to the Chief Justice, enclosing draft of a letter replying to Dr. Lee, and requesting his opinion. October 23, 1829. p. 56.

Letter making some suggestions for straightening out the financial affairs of Mrs. Major Powell. December 14, 1829. p. 76.

Letter to Lady Sarah Maitland, sending his sympathy, having heard that the Halifax climate seriously injured Sir Peregrine's health. Refers to an offer of assistance from Dr. Reade of Perth. October 7, 1829. p. 76.

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Letter to Samuel Street, sending notice of having made a payment of £2500 on the bond which the Hon. Thos. Clarke holds. August 13, 1830. p. 100.

Letter to the Hon. Geo. H. Markland. Reports the explanation given by James McGill Strachan concerning his debts. Sends a cheque for £15 to settle. August 16, 1830. p. 100.

Outline of letter to his son, James, on family and personal matters. August 30, 1830. p. 100.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec. Plans a meeting of the Clergy Corporation when His Lordship makes his visitation. Wishes leave to proceed to Halifax, to visit Sir Peregrine and Lady Sarah Maitland, and to leave his eldest daughter at school. Reports the young men under his direction as making excellent progress. September 6, 1830. p. 100.

Same to same. Suggests the advisability of appointing the Rev. J. Wenham to act as agent to keep the Government in England informed on matters pertaining to the Reserves. November 25, 1830. p. 101.

Memorandum to Sir John Colborne, concerning proposed changes in the Charter of King's College. December 9, 1830. p. 102 (Not sent). ✓  
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Letter to the Rev. J. Wenham, pointing out the impossibility of his appointment as agent in the matter of the Reserves. November 28, 1830. p. 104.

Letter to John S. Cartwright. Refers to the kindly relations between their two families. "To-morrow we have a meeting respecting the building of a new Church at which I shall miss Robert very much for I fear that the Bishop (notwithstanding my hints not to come) will descend to too great minuteness and perhaps make himself very silly." Mentions the possibility of Robert Cartwright becoming his assistant. December 20, 1830. p. 106.

Letter to Francis Desrevieres, requesting the payment of Mrs. Strachan's annuity of £300. January 31, 1831. p. 107.

Letter to Sir J. Colborne. Mentions a report received from the Rev. J. Wenham as to the intentions of Government in connection with the University of King's College, and urges Sir John to send a copy of his despatch to Sir George Murray to Lord Goderich. January 13, 1831. p. 109. ✓  
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Letter to "Stephen". Approves of Civil Governors being appointed to the Colonies in the place of Military Governors. Feels the Governor should consult the Executive Council. Discusses King's College and the rumour that Government intended to supersede the establishment at York by the enlargement of McGill College. January 18, 1831. p. 109. ✓  
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Letter to the Rev. William Boulton, stating that "Alexander experiences so much misery from what he considers unfair treatment", that he may have to withdraw him from the College. February 28, 1831. p. 117.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec, sending some material on the subject of the Reserves, for the use of the Bishop when in England. March 2, 1831. p. 117.

Letter to Mr. Hargreave. Expects the Bishop to go to England. "The heads of the Methodists with a few discontented persons have formed themselves into a Club or Society under the patronage of Mr. Hume. ---- "Hume promises them success in their wildest schemes."----- "A Petition of Grievances is gotten up - two or three persons go to England to present it, men who have neither talents, worth nor character and are not admitted into decent Society in the Colony but the moment they reach London they are taken by the hand by Cabinet Ministers, promised full redress to all their imaginary grievances." Has asked the Bishop to procure him a curate, to whom he is prepared to pay £150, per annum. Trusts the Society will not cut down his allowance. Would like to have his second son admitted at Lincoln's Inn. March 7, 1831. p. 118.

Letter to "Stephen". Discusses the decision that the Chief Justice shall not be President of the Executive Council. March 7, 1831. p. 120.

Letter to the Bishop of Chester. Requests him to choose a curate for him and tells the salary he can offer, the qualifications needed, &c. March 4, 1831. p. 120.

Letter to the Bishop of Nova Scotia. Appeals to his "kind protection to our University", in view of the threatened changes in the Charter. Draws his attention to the confusion caused by calling Sir John Colborne's new Grammar School "Upper Canada College." March 4, 1831. p. 120.

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Letter to the Bishop of Exeter. Expresses his indignation at the treatment the Bishop has received. Comments on the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the Civil Government of Canada. March 4, 1831. p. 122.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec. Wishes him a successful trip to England and suggests "a more frequent and free communication between the Bishop and his Clergy" on his return. March 10, 1831. p. 123.

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- Letter to the Archdeacon of Quebec, in view of the opinion of the Attorney General that the Corporation is illegal, asks for information concerning its origin, correspondence, charter, &c. May 26, 1831. p. 140.
- Letter to the Rev. Principal Harris, explaining the absence of his son, Alexander, from school as due to his mother's concern over the punishment he had received. June 6, 1831. p. 141.
- Letter to the Rev. William Boulton, concerning some evening lectures. June 7, 1831. p. 141.
- Letter to the Rev. Alex'r Bethune, advising that the Bishop procure instructions concerning the use of funds under the Corporation. June 7, 1831. p. 142.
- Letter to the Rev. Principal Harris, suggesting "a solemn admonition" as a punishment for young Powell, in place of the threatened public flogging. June 27, 1831. p. 143.
- Letter to Robert Cartwright. Comments on the decision of the Scotch Clergy to establish a Synod and urges the advantages of annual meetings of the Clergy of the Church of England. Thinks the Bishop should "have the question of the Reserves finally settled one way or another before he returns." Points out the need of one or two friendly newspapers. June 27, 1831. p. 144.
- Letter to the Rev. Wm. Parker, Secretary, Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, on matters concerning the society's work in Upper Canada. June 22, 1831. p. 156. (page out of place)
- Letter to the Archdeacon of York, sending word to Mr. Wenham that he cannot be employed as an authorized agent of the Clergy Reserve Corporation and must not expect remuneration. November 26, 1830. p. 157. (page out of place)
- Letter to ----- Monaghan, Marmora. Is ready to dispose of lots for warehouses in the town at the mouth of the Trent, for use of the Marmora Iron Works. August 22, 1831. p. 150.
- Postscript to letter to Mr. McLaurin, inquiring what influence he has with "your Presbytery recently formed?" and what "with your Synod next summer?" August 25, 1831. p. 150.
- Letter to the Rev. Alonzo Potter, Boston, wishing him a return to health from the journey he is about to take. Sends letters of introduction to Dr. Chalmers and Bishop Skinner. August 26, 1831. p. 151.
- Letter to Henry Walbridge, Lockport, N.Y. Commissions him to purchase a pair of carriage horses. August 31, 1831. p. 152.
- Letter to the Rev. Alex'r Bethune. Is strongly opposed to two principles of the Corporation, and would rather see it dissolved. November 9, 1831. p. 170.

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Letter to A. J. Terns, Boot and Shoemaker, Kingston, concerning an account of his son, James. September 2, 1831. p. 155.

Letter to Sir John Colborne, sending a proposed report from the Executive Council which might "give great satisfaction to Lord Coderich and induce his Lordship to relieve you from all apprehensions respecting the money expended." September 5, 1831. p. 153.

Letter to Richard S. Blannierhossett. Points out that he must have further information concerning him before authorizing him to act as a lay reader. September 19, 1831. p. 157.

Letter to his brother in Aberdeen, tells of his disastrous business dealings with John S. Craig. September 19, 1831. p. 158.

Letter to Samuel Street, concerning some land matters. September 24, 1831. p. 160.

Letter to Col. Burwell. Tells him that his petition respecting the District School has had a good effect. Advises him to confine his activities at the approaching session to Common Schools, concerning which he will have a draft bill prepared. September 26, 1831. p. 160. ✓ Schools

Letter to Mr. Ballengal. Reports on the money which is in his (J.S.'s) hands, sending a statement. October 3, 1831. p. 161.

Letter concerning possible co-operation between the Church of England and the Presbyterians in communion with the Church of Scotland regarding the University of King's College. October 3, 1831. p. 162. ✓ Universities/Colleges

Letter to the Hon. Col. Neil McLean, expressing his continued friendly interest. November 1, 1831. p. 168.

Letter to Mr. Stennett, respecting the exchange of a lamp. November 2, 1831. p. 168.

Letter to Lt. Col. Glegg, congratulating him on his return to Canada. "We consider Lord Aylmer particularly fortunate in having procured the services of a gentleman of so great talent and intimate knowledge of the Canadas." November 1, 1831. p. 168.

Letter to John Cartwright, offering to purchase two lots from him and advising him not to sell to a Mr. Hamilton. November 1, 1831. p. 169.

Letter to the Rev. Alex'r Bethune. Is strongly opposed to two universities of different religious principles. Would rather agree to changes in the charter. November 5, 1831. p. 170. ✓ Universities/Colleges/Charter

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Letter to Chief Justice Sewell, asking his advice as to opening in the legal profession in Lower Canada for his third son. November 7, 1831. p. 171.

Letter to the Rev. John McLaurin, concerning "our project". "There in truth ought to be no dispute in the Colonies between the national churches." November 9, 1831. p. 172. Private.

Letter to Alex'r J. Terns, is prepared to pay his son's account of £2: 2: 6, but will pay nothing for Mr. Flint. November 9, 1831. p. 172.

Letter to Peter McGill, commissioning him to purchase a carriage - a second hand one preferred. November 25, 1831. p. 177.

Copy of letter from Geo. H. Markland to J. Strachan, pointing out that His Excellency is much concerned over an item of £300 paid by J.S. for a parsonage house. November 29, 1831. p. 177.

Letter to Geo. H. Markland, stating the circumstances under which he received £300 for a parsonage in York and protests giving it up but will abide by His Excellency's decision. November 30, 1831. p. 178.

Note to Dr. Harris, stating that he is keeping the boys home on account of the epidemic. December 10, 1831. p. 179.

Letter giving his opinion on the need of missionaries from the British Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society and pointing out the difference between the Methodist<sup>s</sup> from England and the Methodists from the United States. December 13, 1831.

Letter to the Rev. Alex'r Bethune. Comments on what his attitude would be should he "go home" in behalf of the Reserves and the University. Inquires if he would accept his son, John, as a companion and superintend his education, as he is not satisfied with the work of the college. December 24, 1831. p. 180. ✓  
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Letter to the Secretary of the Literary & Historical Society, Quebec, acknowledging his election as an Honorary Member. December 24, 1831. p. 181.

Letter to the Rev. Dr. Harris, stating his decision to withdraw his son, John, from the College, in order that he may spend a few months with Mr. Bethune, before starting the study of law in Lower Canada. January 6, 1831. p. 181½.

Letter to Robert (Cartwright). Has just learned that "Lord Codrigh not daring to bring any measure respecting the Clergy Reserves into the Imperial Parliament expects to smuggle the matter through here. A more Jesuitical attempt to pillage the Church was never made." Has also been shown a despatch "requesting the College Council to make an unconditional surrender of their Charter." --- "I have told Sir John that I would perish on the scaffold rather than give up the Reserves or College Charter." Is uncertain as to the action likely to be taken by the College Council. February 2, 1832. p. 181½. ✓  
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Letter to the Rev. Chas. Matthews, sending a cheque for his services as assistant, and stating that arrangements have been made for Mr. Hudson to take over the duties. February 8, 1832. p. 181 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Letter to Robert (Cartwright) telling what his tactics on the Reserve Bill are likely to be. February 9, 1832. p. 182.  
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Letter to Thos. G. Ridout, advising him not to proceed with the suit "which may involve you in serious difficulties."  
February 23, 1832. p. 187.

Same to same, re same, mentioning "the proposal which you have made them [the Bank] in favour of your to be lamented brother."  
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Letter inquiring as to the cost of printing his manuscript on the late Bishop Hobart. March 1, 1832. p. 187.

Letter to the Rev. Dr. Rudd, sending \$20.00 as a contribution towards his new church in Auburn, N.Y. March 7, 1832. p. 188.

Letter concerning some money due him which he needs to meet other obligations. March 5, 1832. p. 188.

Letter in which he expresses his disapproval of suggestions concerning proposed meetings of the clergy annually.  
March 5, 1832. p. 188.

Letter to Francis W. Des Rivieres. Is drawing on him for £150, in favour of Thos. G. Ridout. Offers to help him make an arrangement with the Royal Institute but states that "your friend, Mr. Papineau, a gentleman of wonderful sagacity and talent is able to advise you most judiciously in this matter." Asks for the titles to the lands left to his son, James McGill Strachan, by the Hon. James McGill. March 8, 1832. p. 190.

Outline of letter to the Rev. Alex'r Bethune, with suggestions as to plans for a convocation of the clergy. March 9, 1832. p. 191.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec. Sends an extract from the proceedings of the Clergy Corporation, urging action by the clergy in the matter of the Reserves; and points out again the advantages of an annual meeting of the clergy.  
March 19, 1832. p. 192.

Same to same. Informs him as to the opinion of the Lieut. Governor on the payment of salaries of the clergy by the S.P.C.P. July 23, 1832. p. 203.

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Outline of letter to his son, James, at Sandhurst. Mentions the loss of his salary as President of the Board of Education and trouble about his mother's annuity. Advises him as to studies, &c. September 17, 1832. p. 204. ✓ Board of Education

Letter to the Rev. J. Hudson. Advises him that, owing to a loss of income, he can allow his assistant only £100 Stg, with the marriage fees. September 20, 1832. p. 204.

Letter to the Archbishop of Dublin. Introduces the Rev. Robert Cartwright. Does not advise sending out girls from the Charter Schools, as few servants are needed in Upper Canada. Tells of the widows and orphans left by the cholera, the religious state of the colony and advises young men securing positions before coming out. September 24, 1832. p. 204. ✓ Sch 15

Letter stating that the Bishop is not willing to consider the offer of paying ten thousand pounds within one year to the Royal Institution. States his stand in regard to selling Mrs. Strachan's annuity. October 18, 1832. p. 206.

Letter to William (Macaulay). Protests his stand on the Reserves question "which I deem the most cruel and unprovoked attack ever made upon us" and expresses his disappointment and "bitterness of spirit at finding my hopes in you blighted." October 23, 1832. p. 208.

Letter to the Rev. Thos. Green, Niagara. Expresses very strongly his disapproval of the meeting which was held in connection with the petition to be signed affecting the disposal of the Reserves. October 29, 1832. p. 210.

Letter to the Rev. James Clarke. Gives his opinion that no portion of a glebe may be alienated to the incumbent or any other person. States his position in regard to the petition from the Church of England in Canada to the three branches of the Imperial Legislature. December 20, 1832. p. 212.

Letter to J. Such, straightening out a difficulty which he has had with the Rev. Wm. Boulton. December 24, 1832. p. 213.

Letter to the Rev. Donald Fraser, reminding that his bill for £160 is about due. January 17, 1833. p. 214.

Letter to the father of Henry Towle who has come to Upper Canada with his family, has had to borrow £60 from Dr. Strachan and who needs further assistance. Suggests that they be loaned enough capital to establish themselves in "a small way of trade." January 21, 1833. p. 214.

Letter to Oliver Hargrave. Introduces Mr. Hagerman who takes the petition of the Church of England on the Reserves to England. Mentions his family. March 16, 1833. p. 218.



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Letter to James Stephen, telling him that Mr. Hagerman goes to England with the petition on the Reserves "but whatever settlement is made let it be final & it will be our duty to submit." March 13, 1833. p. 220.

Letter to Geo. Eailie. Introduces Mr. Hagerman to him. Tells of the land which his friend, Mr. Huddleston, has purchased near the Falls of Niagara. Feels the loss of his salary of \$300 as President of the General Board of Education. Mentions some of the ravages of the cholera. March 18, 1833. p. 221.

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Letter to his son, James, concerning his leave of absence and what financial assistance he can give him. March 25, 1833. p. 222.

Same to same, discussing various points concerned with his purchase of a company. March 29, 1833. p. 222.

Letter to Sir James McGregor. Has requested his son, James McC. Strachan, to call on Sir James and hopes he will give him advice as to purchasing a company, &c. April 10, 1833. p. 223.

Letter to Sir George Murray. "The town of York which scarcely numbered five hundred souls when you were here contains about eight thousand and the Province more than three hundred thousand. The changes are the rising of the towns and villages. The transformation of vast forests into fruitful fields and want and poverty into comfort and abundance." Comments on the cholera. Hopes his son may be allowed leave of absence, after completing his course at Sandhurst, to visit his family in Upper Canada. "I wish that you could be prevailed upon to come to Quebec with full power and authority to put matters to right. That colony is getting into great confusion and such is the contagion of example that, if no remedy be speedily applied, this Province, quiet as it is at present, will soon follow." April 10, 1833. p. 224.

Letter to Sir Peregrine Maitland. "The changes in this colony are great since Your Excellency left us, short as the time has been but it must be gratifying to know that the foundation of all those of beneficial character was laid before you went to Nova Scotia. Sir John from the first sought to be popular at all hazards but having no system he has missed his object." Tells of the discussion of the project of annexing Montreal Island to Upper Canada and the troubles with Lower Canada over duties. Mentions the suggested changes in the Constitution which he fears will lead to Union with Lower Canada. Tells of Mr. Hagerman's mission to England with the petition on the Reserves. "Some part of the Session was spent in perusing a despatch from Lord Goderich of 50 sheets being a detailed answer to all the calumnies and trash of McKenzie, the printer, who had gone to London with a budget of grievances." Mentions the cholera of the preceding summer. April 20, 1833. p. 225.

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Letter to his son James, enclosing a letter from Thos. Ridout, Cashier, to Thos. Wilson & Co., concerning the payment of £1600 for James McG. Strachan's company. April 22, 1833. p. 228.

Letter to William Draper. Wishes to know if his son, George, may absent himself from York till June, when he may be called to the Bar, as he wishes to separate him from some undesirable companions. Private. p. 228.

Part of letter to George Strachan. Quotes from his brother James' letter to his father, expressing his confidence in George. June 6, 1833. p. 229.

Letter to Thos. Ridout, Cashier, with further instructions respecting the payment to James McG. Strachan. July 15, 1833. p. 230.

Same to same. Mentions the presentation of plate from his pupils. July 17, 1833. p. 230.

Letter to the Right Rev. Bishop White, introducing the Rev. Chas. Matthews. August 8, 1833. p. 233.

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Letter to the Rev. Gwynne, offering him the position as his assistant and stating the terms of his offer. October 12, 1833. p. 234.

Letter to the Bishop of Quebec, concerning his new assistant. Requests him to write the Bishop of Chester not to send one out, as he is prepared to have the Rev. Geo. Gwynne "a gentleman who has very recently come here from Ireland. He is an excellent scholar - highly recommended, well brought up, his Father being in the Church, and I think of pious habits and zealous in the cause." October 16, 1833. p. 235.

Letter to the Bishop of Chester, requesting him not to send out an assistant, as he has found Mr. Gwynne available. October 19, 1833. p. 236.

Letter dealing with the Reserves, the predicament in which the clergy of the Church of England find themselves, his faith in Lord Stanley's judgment, Upper Canada College, His desire that the University should go into immediate operation, the question of the free navigation of the St. Lawrence; his opposition to a Union with Lower Canada, preferring a general union of British North American Provinces and his memorial concerning his removal as President of the General Board of Education. January 29, 1834. p. 236.

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Letter to his son, James. Deals with money matters, his son's future. "York no more but Toronto. Town incorporated." March 6, 1834. p. 240.

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Letter to John Fisher, concerning arrangements for his son, Alexander, entering Mr. Fisher's business. March 31, 1834. p. 240.

Letter to the Rev. Geo. Gwynne, sending a cheque for services. March 31, 1834. p. 242.

Letter to the Archbishop of Dublin, interesting the Rev. Geo. Gwynne, who is returning to Ireland. Criticises the evangelical sermons of most of the clergy from Ireland who have come to Upper Canada. April 28, 1834. p. 243.

Letter sending some of his ideas on conditions in the Canadas. Suggests that his son-in-law, Mr. Jones, might be elected to the Legislative Council, as a representative from the Huron Tract and one familiar with Canada Company business. May 8, 1834. p. 243.

Letter to John Fisher, concerning accommodation for his son, Alexander. April 26, 1834. p. 244.

Letter to the Rev. Thos. Pyne, concerning his acceptance of the position as assistant to Dr. Strachan. September 10, 1834. p. 246.

Letter to the Bishop of Montreal. Reports on the clergy who are "sufferers by the reduction of stipends"; also on the rectories. "So much clamor has been raised about the Rectories and the Reserves that Sir Francis Head feels reluctant to meddle in Church matters for the present and I have not deemed it prudent to urge them on His Excellency's attention." Refers to the mission on Manitoulin Island under Mr. Elliott. Thinks the travelling missionaries should report regularly as to their activities, and urges that the S.P.C. send more. January 30, 1837. p. 251.

Letter to Mr. Grasett, regarding his salaries and fees. January 5, 1839. p. 252.

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Letter to Thos. Taylor, commenting on the attitude of the Trustees of the District School of Gore, in the matter of appointing a new master. October 29, 1827. p. 1.  
"This letter not sent."

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Letter to Rev. Ralph Leeming, re same. "I am aware of the exertions making in all directions by the Presbyterians and of the necessity of our quietly counteracting them."----- "The Kirk as yet gets no part of the Reserves - the more that my bill for selling a portion of them was opposed the more sturdy I became and at length the question of their claims was put off to another season." October 29, 1827. p. 1.

Letter William Ellis, James Racey and William B. Jarvis, Trustees for the District School of Gore, promising his interposition as General Trustee of District Schools in the appointment of a new master for the District School of Gore. Is prepared to recommend Steven Randall to the Lt. Governor for the position. October 29, 1827. p. 2.

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Statement of the Trustees of the District School of Gore, concerning the appointment of a new master. October 25, 1827. p. 3.

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Letter to Major Hillier, enclosing copy of the statement of the Trustees of the District School of Gore, concerning the appointment of a new master, and recommending Steven Randall for the situation. October 29, 1827. p. 3.

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Letter to the Ven. George Mountain, Archdeacon, Quebec. Informs him that three school masters are needed in Upper Canada and urges that they should be attached to the Church. Comments on his letter to Wilmot Horton concerning the demand of the Presbyterians for a share in the Clergy Reserves, and advises acting on the offensive in the matter. Tells of the "agitation to get a Presbyterian to fill the District School of Gore". November 1, 1827. p. 4.

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Letter to the Rev. Joseph Harris, D.D., Principal of Upper Canada College, expressing his regret at his departure from the province. March 30, 1838. p. 7.

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Same to same, re same, as President of the University of King's College. March 30, 1838. p. 8.

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Letter to Sir George Arthur, acknowledging the receipt of the decision of H.M. Government on the subject of the Rectories. April 2, 1838. p. 10.

Letter to the Bishop. Reports the arrival of Mr. O'Hearn and the impression he made. Hopes that the "magnificent donation of two thousand pounds" may be used to assist needy clergymen and their families and refers particularly to the cases of Mr. Ostler, West Gwillimbury, Mr. Usher, Brantford, Mr. Bothwell, near Woodstock, and Mr. Campbell, Goderich. April 5, 1838. p. 10.

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Letter to the Hon. Edward Ellice requesting that he speak to Lord Glenelg in behalf of Strachan's appeal to be appointed Bishop. April 24, 1838. p. 15.

Outline of letter to "McGillivray". Refers to various speeches on the Canadas. Deprecates the Union of Upper and Lower Canada but favours a general union of the British North American Provinces. April 20, 1838. p. 20.

Letter to people of Teesumeth and West Gwillimbury, advising them of the need of contributions towards the support of a resident clergyman and the procedure to follow. May 11, 1837. p. 21.

Letter to Jacob Burk, Agent of the New England Society, suggesting that his society assist with missions among the Indians in Upper Canada. April 24, 1838. p. 23.

Letter to Major Sherwood, stating that there is a prospect of placing his son, Edward, "without a fee into the first law office in town." May 30, 1838. p. 23.

Letter to J. Joseph, requesting that His Excellency will direct letters missive to be made out to institute the Rev. A. F. Adkinson to the Parish of Bath, Midland District. June 22, 1836. p. 24.

Letter to Robert Cartwright, discussing the possibility of division of the Province, and his election to the Bishopric. June 6, 1837. Private and confidential. p. 24.

Letter to the Lt. Governor (Sir Geo. Arthur) stating his claims to the Bishopric of Upper Canada. May 14, 1838. p. 26.

Letter to Bishop Alex'r McDonell, with suggestions for Bishop McDonell when speaking to Lord Durham in behalf of J.S. June 9, 1838. p. 29.

Letter to the Bishop (Rev. Geo. J. Mountain), outlining the best route for the episcopal tour of Upper Canada. Hopes he will ordain Mr. McMurray, Mr. Elliott of Colchester and Mr. O'Heara at Toronto. June 29, 1838. p. 30.

Letter to Hon. John Macaulay, drawing to His Excellency's attention a report on the religious state of the Indians of Upper Canada; also the inclination of the Rev. Chas. Brough to go as a missionary to Manitoulin Island. July 12, 1838. p. 31.

Memorandum on the proposed mission on Manitoulin Island, with the Rev. Chas. C. Brough, missionary, Benjamin Bayly suggested as schoolmaster, and Dr. Darby as medical man. August 28, 1838. p. 39. DR. PAUL DARLING

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Testimony in favour of the Rev. James Coghlan by John Strachan. September 8, 1838. p. 41.

Letter to the Rev. Wm. Betteridge, dealing with his mission in England for collecting funds for the church in Upper Canada. J. Strachan tells of his activities in supporting the restorations. Agrees with the Bishop that he should arrange to return as soon as possible. September 18, 1838. p. 41.

Letter to the Hon. Charles Buller, Chief Secretary, Quebec, expressing his consternation at the treatment which has been given to Lord Durham. September 20, 1838. p. 43.

Letter to the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Wilmot Horton. Expresses his friendly feelings towards him and regrets that he is not now the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Recommends to him "our excellent Chief Justice Robinson." September 26, 1838. p. 45.

Letter to the Rt. Hon. Edward Ellice. Thanks him for the continuance of his "powerful interference with that nobleman (Lord Glenelg) in my behalf." Hopes a measure will be passed adjusting the Clergy Reserves, adding that "the principal obstacles to the final settlement of this perplexed question originate with the Ministers of the Kirk of Scotland residing in the Province and one section of the Methodists." Deplores the treatment which Lord Durham has received and tells of a meeting at Toronto "to express our unabated confidence in Lord Durham's administration." Urges some declaration from H. M. Government in support of Lord Durham. September 26, 1838. p. 45.

Letter to Rob't Gillespie, thanking him for his assistance in securing the new organ for the church, and for his services in choosing Dr. Hodges as organist. September 26, 1838. p. 46.

Letter to Lord Glenelg, concerning his claim to the proposed Bishopric of Upper Canada. September 24, 1838. p. 47.

Letter to his brother, James, arranging for the settlement of the amount he owes James. September 26, 1838. p. 48.

Letter to Rev. Daniel Bagot, St. James Episcopal Church, Edinburgh, acknowledging his gift of £200 towards the building of a church at Paris. September 27, 1838. p. 49.

Letter to Mrs. Dickson, St. Martin's, near Paris, telling of the gift of the Rev. Daniel Bagot for the church at Paris, and enumerating the conditions upon which the gift is made. September 28, 1838. p. 49.



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Letter giving an outline of his activities in favour of a General Union of the British North American provinces and in protesting the treatment given Lord Durham. "The truth is the Provinces are in great peril from the usage which Lord Durham has experienced & it behoves every honest and loyal man to come forward in his defence." October 8, 1838. Private. p. 50.

Letter to Sir Francis B. Head. Comments on Sir F's letters to Lord Brougham and Lord B's attack on Lord Durham. Feels the letter should have been supported by the Home Government and fears the result of his return to England. "His return leaves the country unsettled & without confidence in the administration. Loyalists are discouraged & Traitors are becoming more impudent." October 13, 1838. p. 51.

Letter to the Bishop of Montreal. Asking instructions for a fast day which Sir Geo. Arthur wishes to proclaim, and a suitable prayer for the occasion. October 29, 1838. p. 52.

Letter to Dr. Hodges, dealing with his resignation as organist of St. James' Church, Toronto. November 1, 1838. p. 53.

Answers of the Governor to the Addresses of the Clergy, congratulating him on assuming the Government of Upper Canada. November 1, 1838. p. 54.

Memorandum as to the distribution of his pamphlets. March 7, 1839. p. 65.

Memorandum sent to Mr. Hagerman concerning the state of the Established Church in Upper Canada. March 18, 1839. p. 66.

Letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, introducing the Rev. Hugh O'Neil who returns to England on a visit. March 18, 1839. p. 67.

Letter to the Archbishop of Dublin, re same. March 18, 1839. p. 67.

Letter to the Secretary of the Upper Canada Clergy Society, re same. March 19, 1839. p. 68.

Letter to Chas. Fothergill, concerning the publication of a memorandum on the condition of the Church in Upper Canada. March 26, 1839. p. 68.

Letter to the Rev. John McCarly, Oswego, N.Y., concerning the reprieve which has been allowed Daniel Kennedy. April 10, 1839. p. 69.

Letter concerning Mrs. Strachan's annuity. Comments on the proposals for Union of the two Canadas. April 10, 1839. p. 69.

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Letter to the Rev. Wm. Betteridge, re same. Wishes this information for the Archbishop whom he expects to see shortly in England. May 13, 1839. p. 71.

Letter to Samuel Street. Announces his appointment as Bishop of Upper Canada and his plans to proceed to England for consecration. Asks for a loan of £350 Stg. to meet expenses of his Patent, &c. May 13, 1839. p. 71.

Letter to the Hon. John Macaulay. Requests six months' leave of absence from the Lt. Governor, in order that he may proceed to England for his consecration as Bishop of Upper Canada. May 20, 1839. p. 71.

Letter to Thos. Moore, New York, asking him to engage a statement for him on the "Great Western" sailing from New York on June 13th. May 20, 1839. p. 72.

Letter to the Hon. Peter McGill, concerning Mrs. Strachan's annuity. May 27, 1839. p. 73.

Letter to Dr. Bryce, Bursar, King's College, asking for a statement of his liabilities to the college. February 17, 1840. p. 74. ✓ Universities/colleges

Letter to Thos. G. Ridout. States that the delay in his paying his notes to the College has placed him in an embarrassing position before the Lt. Governor General and wishes to arrange a settlement of this indebtedness. February 17, 1840. p. 74. ✓ Universities/colleges

Letter to Geo. Munro. Has decided that, as the terms of the agreement have not been lived up to, that the partnership be dissolved between Munro and Alexander Strachan. March 12, 1840. p. 75.

Letter to the Rev. Chas. Mathews, on the subject of Upper Canada College and the University of King's College. March 12, 1840. p. 75. ✓ Universities/colleges

Letter to James E. Forsyth, asking if he could take his son, Alexander Strachan, into his business as a junior partner. March 21, 1840. p. 78.

Letter to George Ridout, concerning some business matters with Mr. Ross, over which there are legal proceedings. November 18, 1840. p. 85.

Letter to Edward Doyle, New York. Does not think his son, Alexander is suited to the manufacturing business, being trained as a merchant. November 20, 1840. p. 85.

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Letter to C. Dunkin, Secy, Post Office Commission, Montreal, dealing with British North American Post Office affairs. Speaks highly of the work of Charles Berczy in charge at Toronto. Comments on postage rates. Inquires "whether the Mails for the Upper Provinces might not during the Winter months be delivered to a Special Messenger at Boston & the same Messenger to return with the collected Mail of the Canadas to the Packet steam boat before she leaves Boston for Halifax." December 18, 1840. p. 86.

Letter to the Rev. J. M. Wainwright, D.D. Is still uncertain what to do with his son. Thinks his capital too small for investment in the States. Considers the Union Bill a mistake. December 31, 1840. p. 86.

Letter to the Secretary of Lord Sydenham. Objects to carrying on correspondence on "matters affecting character" through "third parties", therefore suggests that Lord Sydenham write himself respecting "his injurious Despatch of the 2nd May." p. 86.

Letter to Daniel Brooks, concerning a lease from Capt. Baldwin to Mrs. Brooks, but with which he (J.S.) has no power to interfere. January 27, 1841. p. 87.

Letter to Samuel Street. Sends £500 as payment on account of loan. Is disturbed at the rumour that the seat of Government may be moved to Kingston. February 8, 1841. p. 87.

Letter, to Geo. Walton, objecting to the non-payment of certain monies due him into his bank account, and demands a new arrangement to insure prompt payment. February 10, 1841. p. 87.

Letter to W. Richardson. Asks information as to how he forwarded the package from J.S. for the Rev. W. Betteridge who has not acknowledged receipt. February 15, 1841. p. 87.

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