

Stuart Family. Papers 1778-1833

Series A: Letters of Rev. John Stuart to Bishop William White in Philadelphia, 1778-1806:

Document Listing with Abstracts (Organized by document number.)

- 28 Sept 1778, Schenectady
 - Sentiments concerning returning home; financial matters-property in America, refers to Mr. Neal; situation re. his ministering. (#1)
- 22 June 1779, Albany
 - Mentions the necessity of adopting a “new mode” of writing –shorter letters; writes of his general situation. (#3)
- 15 Oct 1780, Philadelphia
 - Financial matters – related to affairs back in America: Mrs. OKill’s effects, land, unpaid bonds, division of their property (Mrs. Stuart wants the family Bible) . (#5)
- 13 Nov 1780, Schenectady
 - Financial affairs: gives White discretionary powers to act in Stuart’s best interest pertaining to finances and property in America; gives an account of his current situation and his concerns, mentions he made an application for an exchange . (#7)
- 18 Oct 1780, Philadelphia
 - Finances and property in America. (#10)
- 1781
 - Rationale for leaving America and his concerns; personal and financial matters re. property in America; mentions route his letters take to Canada: directed to Mr. James Ellice, merchant in Schenectady and forwarded. (#12)
- 9 Apr 1781, Schenectady
 - Discusses his present situation and his hopes to obtain Chaplaincy in the Royal Yorkers; financial matters and property in Philadelphia, (mentions blacks), *I mean to leave nothing behind me.* (#15)
- 14 Oct 1783, Montreal
 - Financial matters in America, settlement of Mr. OKill’s affairs; his present circumstances: care of public school with salary \$800, explains how it appears he has little prospects professionally, weather, loss of daughter. (#17)
- 1 Feb 1784, Cataraqui
 - Financial matters back in America, mentions Mr. OKill’s affairs, refers to Mr. Pleasant in relation to property, mentions his goal of securing Mrs. Stuart’s property, and the role of Mrs. Harrison in dividing personal property; personal sentiment that he depends on Mr. White as he is “destitute of friends” in White’s quarter; generally describes Cataraqui and his hopes; indicates reduction hasn’t hurt his income and his intent to preserve the Indian mission. (#21)
- 17 March 1784, Montreal

- Religious opinions on: the pamphlet received from White, *I am still clogged with my old prejudices in regard to divine right and uninterrupted succession of Episcopacy*, and the procuring of the episcopacy by Mr. Smith; missing his old friends gone into banishment; anxious for move to Cataraqui; present situation – school and deputy chaplaincy of 34th Regiment; finances and property in Philadelphia. (#28)
- 8 Feb 1785, Montreal
 - Finances – Mentions Mr. Cox to manage Mr. OKill's affairs and Mrs. Stuart's interest therein to the estate; relays his present circumstances – markets, salary, hopes for word about moving from spring vessels, communication open between this place and Philadelphia now; children; climate. (#29)
- 27 June 1785, Montreal
 - References and give opinion on intelligence on church matters in America received by White; gives reasons for not accepting a proposal by Mr. Griffiths relating to Virginia; describes and gives sentiments concerning Cataraqui during a visit; financial matters – property in Philadelphia. (#33)
- 2 Nov 1785, Cataraqui
 - Describes life in Cataraqui and the area; content except for want of school for which he has made a request to the Legislature; questions any possibility of getting a share of Mrs. OKill's effects; communication route with New York described: through Schenectady (Mr. Ellice) and forwarded through Oswego to him. (#36)
- Aug 1786, Cataraqui
 - Heard from Mr. OKill re. affairs relating to his mom and dad's estate; personal: house finished, opened school last May with 30 pupils with government assistance, good crop. (#39)
- 28 Aug 1787, Cataraqui (now Kingston)
 - Government, expects Kingston to be capital; school – has a latin schoolmaster and hopes to get funding for his salary from government; Mohawk: 4 weeks expect to set out to visit *from which if I return safe, I promise myself some Ease*; personal finances, mentions Mr. Cox. (#42)
- 4 Sept 1788, Kingston
 - Had taken his last farewell to Philadelphia, *unless in some melancholy moment, am contented and resigned to my state*; emigration from America and his opinion on their difficulties; comments on the new Bishop Dr. Inglis; Mohawk settlement visit: describes village and church; Niagara visit: many old friend there who tried to entice him to move there, explains why declined; Judge of the Court of the common Pleas, explains why declined. (#46)
- 3 Oct 1889, Kingston
 - Visitation with Bishop Inglis, give his impression of the man and even; mentions emigrants from America; family affairs: crop failure, lack of and high price of flour; personal finances; son home last 12 months, and education – Schenectady and Windsor, Nova Scotia (explains why Windsor not ideal). (#50)

- 4 Sept 1790, Kingston
 - Sons' education: one to Schenectady and expects the 10-year old to go as well, likes Philadelphia College and requests information pertaining to; personal finances with a view to funding education; religion: now obliged to go to Niagara and the new settlements above it and refers to it as causing him an *increase in troubles* and explains reasons for not moving to Niagara; Degree from College at Philadelphia, requests White's help in attaining; mentions John Bryan, imposter preacher; personal and family affairs: new daughter and 9th child; Jenny a farming parson's wife; crops; government. (#53)
- 26 May 1791, Kingston
 - Family: has been too unwell to travel, children's ages and schooling; personal finances relating to funding education; money due Mrs. Okill's estate. (#57)
- 8 Jan 1792, Kingston
 - Degree, his thoughts on; mentions Mr. Neal's death (and Mrs. Stuart concerns for her sister). (#61)
- 29 Aug 1792, Kingston
 - Thoughts on government; Chaplain to the Upper House, Simcoe asked him to attend Assembly next month as; commission from Bishop and hopes for advantages related to marriage licences; procured martin skins from friend at Grand Portage. (#64)
- 8 Feb 1794, Kingston
 - New Bishop, impressions and salary; appointment as Commissary for Upper Canada, useful money for family; family—sons and situation re. education; expresses contentment, *my situation equals my most sanguine wishes*, and explains. (#67)
- 26 June 1794, Kingston
 - Family matters—brought 2 sons back from Windsor Academy which he feels has *fallen to nothing*; personal finances. (#70)
- 1 May 1796
 - Family—son on his way to Philadelphia to visit family, 2 sick children. (#73)
- 1 Oct 1796, Kingston
 - Family health - family (and settlement) hit with fevers and ague, son home from Montreal spitting blood; education of sons; feels he has done well enough to provide for his children; opinion on government. (#76)
- 30 Aug 1797, Kingston
 - Apprehension of war; describes his situation and health (fever and ague); emigration and land jobbing. (#79)
- 5 Jan 1798
 - Philadelphia, concerned for Mr. White as has heard of fevers prevailing; family—health of wife, children's circumstances; his situation and the reason he has taken on Chaplain of Troops and acquiring more land; land speculation; finances in Philadelphia. (#82)
- 7 Oct 1798

- Financial affairs related to land; the state of his land ownership, and his sentiment that he has *discharged his duty* thus far in providing for his children; oldest son at Harvard, asks White to mention his son to his colleagues as he wishes him to *associate with people of that persuasion*. (#86)
- 26 Nov 1798
 - Mr. Okill's estate; mentions fatal disorder in Philadelphia and his concern; family - contentment expressed and why; children's situation; emigration from England, America, and 30 french Royalists, and comments on government policy thereof. (#89)
- 19 Feb 1801
 - Honour bestowed by University of Pennsylvania, gratitude to White; children and his duty to set them up to succeed; contentment and explains. (#92)
- 8 Jan 1806
 - His health; children – their work and marriages (4/5 sons well settled; James, Solicitor General of Lower Canada; Charles, High Sheriff of this District, etc.). (#95)
- 27 Sept 1811
 - Letter from Stuart's daughter, Jane, informing Mr. White of her father's death after *violent and exceedingly painful illness of 8 days*. (#98)