

Letter from Jonathan Bell to Jacob Bell, 'att the three Anchors in Lombard Street.

Dated Cockermouth Castel, 22nd of 7th mo 1720.

Dear Brother Jacob,

Offer my kind love to thee hopeing these few lines will find thee in good hilt as throu mercy ---- with father and mother att the wrtieing hear of Dear Brother I am very soery that thee shod go shuch a longe voyage before thee come to see us for we shud a been very glad to a seen thee but since thou cannot I heartly wish the well an desirers thee to be good and care full aboute thy business anit will be for thy own advantage an credit Dear Brother I am obliged to thee for thy kind present that thou intends to send me and for thy well wishes John and I am not marryed yet nor I cannot very well tell when thow I think it will be our long cosen gude is maryed above four weeks ago an is very harty an give her kind love to thee my mother gives her dear love to thee an deliver thy well for an begg of thee to be good an mind thy self and what ever thee dost not to go into bad companion So my Dear brother not haveing any thing more at present but my very Dear love to thee an I hartely (wish-added) prosperity every way an safer return so grest thy Loveing and affectionate sister Ruth Bell.

Dear Brother Jacob,

haveing this opportunity was willing to give thee few lines by which thou may knou know that wee are in difrant well church Mary tho I have been very unwell but am beter I hope my husband is well but he is not at home Dear Brother wee should a been glad to a seen thee hear before thou had gone but since we cannot I hartily Desier thy preservation every way and desiers that thou may keep near to the Lord and he is able to preserve thee throon all exercises that thou may meat with so must conclud with very Dear Love to thee I rest thy ever Lo Sister Rebekah Walker.

Son Jacob,

I had thy letter on second day last but post was gone ere received itt soe send these few lines this post to thee in expectation they may reach thee ere gone --- coast may know we are well but tis --- been by at to thy mother to part with though better content then she was but with all desires thou may be a good and hardfull lad study to improve thy loving in God dooing will be thy own happiness and of more vallev then all the world or the riches oft thy mother and I Joynes in our Dear Love and hartly affection to thee with earnest prayers and suplications to the Lord that thou may be every way preferred and kept out of the Enemies hands inwardly and outwardly and mayest thou ffriends safe att home again ffind and relations generally well with Love to thee wishing thee a prosperous voyage lett us hear from thee as ( often as - added ) oportunity serves I shall observe to pay R.W. that thou speaks of I conclude my selfe thy loveing and affectionate ffather,

Jonathan Bell

Letter from D. Horner to Daniel Bell

Dated Leeds, 20th August 1744

Dear and Worthy ffrd. D. Bell,

Thy acceptable Letter I recd. in course and was very glad to hear of thy Getting well Home and found all to thy satisfaction particularly Reflection upon thy late journey gave thee so much Peace, the Result of Discharging our Dutys Faithfully in our Great and Good Masters service. And as I am satisfied it will remain Comfortable and Incouraging to thyself, so I am persuaded it is to many more and that thy affectionate visitt and labours of Love will not be Easely forgotten, For indeed and sweetly revived the days of our youth and the love of our Espousalls which in a good degree ( I hope ) United to our Cheifest Beloved, the Lord our God, and one unto another, and may we not say of a truth that Love waxeth not old, Nay I am in my smal measure a Witness of that flowings of it in many oppertunitys we had together, and at this present time makes me willing to take pen in Hand and scribble a little though Im but poorly in Health at psent, I am my ffrd really sorry for ye acct thou gives abt Rombelone and ye two poor women I wish some means could be found out to keep such at Home. I find theyr Quite weary of Betty Smith in Ireland, and have agreed to appoint her no more meetings. I suppose thou hast heard that Jno haslam is returned Home from His American journey and in pretty good Health. His accts of his travills and remarks was highly acceptable to us in our last 2rly meeting. Sam Hopwood came with Him and is on his way for London. As thou requested I must give thee some acct of ye meeting at Armley which often thou wast gone gave the a great deall of pain of mind, for I heard the People were much disappointed so I ventured to let ffrds give them notice that Bro Longmire and self wd be there at a meet: on first Day afternoon following, which we did wth our ffrds on that side And Abundance of Sober tender people attended the ffrds thought above 500, and mostly Methodists it was ( I think ) a solled open time, and we came home very easey and left them Inquiring wn we wd goe again , that indeed I was sorry my ffrds thou missed so much satisfaction as I believe thou would have found amongst yrs. What will be the consequence of things I can't tell, But Certainly there is a Devine Hand at Work amongst the people, and many are seeking Savation to yr souls - Amongst ye Externalls of Worship who I humbly Hope will in Time be Brought to find it at Home and be made to Retire to ys Gifts of God in themselves. I must confess I find my love and good desires Increase towards these peoples and I never meet wth 'em ( as we frequently did at one opportunity or other ) But I find a degree of ye Gospell spring to roll towards them.

The Young woman thou mentions is gone to Robt Bells to live. I am oblided to ye, for thy readiness to serve me abt ye Cloth in R. Bells Hand, And as thou hasst ( I presume ) An Interest in S. Fledger I wish could persuade Him to goe buy then theyr good Goods and Cheaps and tho' find He can dispose of them I doubt not to advantage If he pleases; Bros and Sister Longmire are not got home from Kendall where they have been some weeks. My Dear Mother and Sister are thro' mercy pretty well And Join with me in the sallutation of Dear Love to thy self and thine all

I am thy affect Sr

D. Horner

Letter from Fras. Kenshall to Frances Owen

Dated at Balby 11th of the 12th mo 1740-1

I cannot express to the full the satisfaction thy last kind letter afforded me especially to see thy dear Fathers hand in it wch I esteem an additional favr that merits my most gratefull acknowlegmt, and I can't well omit telling thee how thankfull I am to Providence that I was Directed to thy Fathers House wch was a place of true Freedom and openness to me in every respect and rendered my stay in London very Agreeable and Satisfactory to me, and be assured dr Friend the great Esteem I bear thy good Father and Thee together wth the Benefit I reaped from the Agreeable Company and Eddif and Conversation of yu both wd be a great Inducement .F apprehend it my place again to visit my frds in Londo wch I must acknowledge seems sometimes to be brot into my view and I survey wth pleasure ye Scituation of Some in that Place who are as a City set upon an Hill, may ye Almighty encrease ye number of Such, that others behold and their good works may by their pious Example be prevailld upon to Glorify God by a Life of Purity and Holiness and a Conversation Coupled with his Fear.

My Journey into the West was pretty Satisfactory to me and I believe it was so to my compan M: Pace whom I parted with in Somersetshire and did not see again till she had visited Wales after wch she came to Shrewsbury where I then was and had ye pleasure of seeing her tho' her stay was short she being desireous on her mothers accot to get home assoon as she well cou'd this is I think abot two months agoe, since wch time I had not heard of Molly 'till I recd thine. Im concernd to hear she has been so Ill, I thot I had never seen her look better than wn she return'd out of Wales.

Eliz Marriot has been very Ill since she came home Occasiond 'tis tho by a great Cold she got in ye Journey. I was favour'd wth a good share of health 'till I came into Shropshire where I was for some time much out of Ordr of a Cold and Swelling in my face wch afer taking some Medicens went away and I have since thro Mercy been as well as usual. I'm much concern'd to hear of poor May Drummonds Indisposition, when thou seest her please to remember my very kind love to her and tell her I sincerely desire it may please Providence to Bless every state to her and if he see meet to give her a perfect Recovery. I shd much rejoyce to hear of it, heartily wishing her Welfare in every Respect. I'm truly glad to hear you have been favour'd at London wth the company of so many Worthy Friends and greatly desire their Visits may have the intended Effect that their Labour of Love may be answered and the great Cause of Religion maintained and promoted in the Earth, that God in Allthings may be Glorified who over all is Worthy to be prais'd Adored and Magnified for Ever - I hope to be favour'd wth a letter from thee in a little time. I'm glad to hear so good an Accot of Patty Phillips; poor P. Barclay, she meets wth many Probations but I hope they'll all work together for good wn thou seest her please to remeber my very dr Love to her, also to thy Cous Wragg and the Frds thou mentions. be assured dr Frd a large Share attends thy good Fa and thee together wth the whole Family also that I am wth the utmost Esteem and sincerity

Thy very Affectionate and much Oblig'd Frd  
Frans Kenshall

Letter from Lydia Lancaster to Daniel Bell.  
Colhouse, ye 24th, 6th mo, 1745

My Dear Ffriend,

Since I wrote to thee have been favoured with two from thee both which were truely acceptable. the (first-added) containing some account of thy travels and safe arrival home, the latter a comfortable Relation of our national meeting and indeed I am refreshed that thou should remember poor Remott Lydia who tho absent in Person yet a lover of Sions prosperity and according to my measure a traveler for it that her light might yet break fourth in Brightness and which I can at times hope for tho the present face of things Look Dull in many places which ocations mourning yet methinks I see through it with an Eye of faith and do beleive God will raise himself witnessis, Judges and counslers, as at the beginning but oh my dear friend, our lott of labours is fallen in a barron age yet let us not be discouraged but serve out our Generation faithfully knowing that the work we are Engaged in is ye Lords who is all sufficient to carry it out surely that truth which our antiants bought at so dear a rate must never be extinguished again tho through the worthy mindedness of its professers clouds may seem to vail its beauty for a time and the prosperity thereof be stoped in many enquiries after it which is too much the case in our day yet it is my secrit hope that the sum of Rightiouness will breake fourth in Luster again to the drawing many into love therewith now as to things --- ---- it remorse I think then when thou wert here I thought of the good time thou had among us when I was at our Quarter meeting in Lancaster last month which was large and indeed pretty Good tho we had no strainers yet truth favoured the meeting - thou willt probably hear of the marriage we lately had betwixt Thomas Hyam and my niece Rawlinson where we had the company of our ffrd. James Wilson Anne Hyam and her daughters with Eliz. Holliwel all very acceptable to us the London freinds were Good Examples and has left a sweet Savour behind them. I hope the young cupple are right joined together in the fear of God who that Day seemed to own them with a visitation of his tendering bowing power, may they keep under it is my Disir, Dear Daniel through mercy I am in health I hope both as to the inward and outward man tho not without constant excises yet dd hope it will all work together for Good in the End. I shall be Glad if thou hast freedom to receive a line from thee now and then as leasure will permitt while we stay in this frail state of life. and let me know how thou faires and how things are among you and whether thou willt Endeavour to find out another meet help to comfort thee in thy age. pray strive not for money but a virtuous woman of a sweet friendly Disposition and Good natural temper. I am thy friend in Dear Love and all well wishing,

Lydia Lancaster.

Letter from M. Slater to Danniell Bell at Totnam

Dated at Carlton, 15th September 1745

My Dear Sir,

I have intended thee a few Lines ever since I got home of my long and Trying Journey both of Body and Mind, which through the favour of Providence I was mercifully help to Gett safe home and founding family well which was cause of humble thankfullness to him the giver of all good and indeed when I Recolect and lookes back over my Long and trying Journey - it is with humble thankfullness to him who is the only helper of his poor Sarvents who are treuly Injeyed for his Cause - and my beloved frd, I often looke back with pleasure that my Lott was cast with thee in that City of Bristoll - for to be suer thou was agreat strenth to my Mind in standing ageunze that Spiret that wod apose the treu disapline of the church and Ley waist the good order that treuth established in the beginen, May we be mercifully preserved to keep Cloce to that which first Inlightened our Souls, tho it was but Like the dauning of the day or the day star arising yeat blessed be the Name of the god, (hope-added) we can say the never setting Sun has Risen upon our hearts - and my humble prayer to the Lord is that nothing may ever Cloud or dim that Glory in our hearts - but that we may ever cloud or dim that Glory in our hearts - but that we may be presond in that Just mans path which will Cause it to Shine brighter and brighter, is what my Spiret is earnestly Concerned for on my own acount and acording to my sin all Mesure for all the Lovers of Christ.

My Dear Frd., it is worth a heart full of treu Love I (indite(?)- added) these few lines to thee; thou being often in my Dear Remembrance, as I humbly hope I shall be fevard to have a place in thine, when thou art in the Enjoyment of the Spring of Emortal Comfort whear in we are fevard with access to that throne that we can begg one for another which I am sure I have great need of - and I often think times looks very threatning without may our looking be only and singly to him who has all power in his hand and will devide afflictions for them who trust in him - I sencerly desire our trust may bein that arme which never failed the Righteous - My Dear Frd, I should be Glad I might be fevard with a few lines from thee soon after thou Recd this that I might hear how thou and thine fairs it will be very acceptable to my dear Husband who Greets thee with much Love unfeigned for thy acceptable viset Lives in his Remembrance and mine with my children ( or childes ) - So I shall conclud with true love to thee and thine and Remains thy sencer and Much obliged Frd.

M. Slater

Pleas to give my kind Love to thy Sister in Law or any other Frd., in thy Freedom -  
my dear Love to Frd Lawrence if thou pleas.

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A letter to daniell bell from john bell, dated 1750 at Bromley, Kent.

to daniell bell, to be left with roger shackleton, in york.

daniell bell, dear friend,

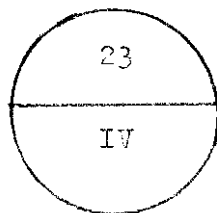
in the love of truth my spouse joyning with me we clearly salute thee, fervently desiring, as we have often done since we parted with thee, that our great and good master in whom all sufficiency is, may preserve thee, and grant a suitable degree of strength of body and fortitude of mind, to go through that servise thou art engaged in, to the glory of god, thy own peace, and the Edification and comfort of the churches where thou mayst come; but thy long Experience of the Goodness of God to his own faithfull Servants renders it unnecessary to say much in that Head -

i did think it would not be unacceptable to give thee some Account of the yearly Meeting. - it was very large, and continued so to the end, - and the Affairs of the churches were carryed on and managed, in solidity and meekness, without jarr or Contention, and much to the Satisfaction and Comfort of the Brethren, that i think it may be truly send the great and good Master of our Assemblies precendent in that Meeting, which occasioned many to Rejoyce in His loving kindness. -

through the mercy of providence i was enabled to attend constantly from the beginning of the Meeting to the end and according to the accounts we had the Publick Meetings were generally large, and pretty well conducted; since the Meetings were generally large, and pretty well conducted, since the Meeting ended, which was on sixth day Evening and a Publick appointed next morning i have been surely afflicted with my Old Distemper the Cholick, ever since that time, and not yet got clear of it, which has weakened me much, other Friends here are generally well; We have now no Strangers in london except elizabeth marriot and jane huskins, the latter intends to leave us next week, her companion is gone alone to kent; the last time i see thy son jonathan they were well at tottenham; so with dear Love from me and mine i conclude, and am, Thy Old truly loving Friend,  
john bell.

ps before i had sealed up this thy acceptable letter from scarborough came to my hand, and i was glad to find thou was favoured with health and Strength to go on in thy Service, which i hope will be continued. the few lines when york Quarterly Meeting is over would be very empty my dear love to R: Shackleton and his, jonathan white and his, any other Friends that may enquire of me - the ollives, loves is to thee farewell. -

bishop's mark:



Letter from D.A. Barclay to Daniel Bell

Dated Urie 17th July 1750

Dear Bro D.B.

Thy kind favr of the 7th came to my hand late night one my Arrivall hear threw mercy prity well, my wife was very Ill att Alenwick wher we stayed a nighte and day one the whole been mending Ever since and I hope after a few days rest will be better then when she set only the child and Roben very well Robert next my one the road and me find them all in the usuall health, only sister Paience Forby from Irland is hear; and I aprehend not far from her end, which I hope when it hapens will be well, we are much pleased to hear thou art better in thy health of which wee desire the take Espicial Care, and as this may be --- --- ( as well as --- ) be the last jurney we will undertake to our native Cuntry, dont hurry butt render thy visit Easy and agreable to Thy Selve and to thy ffd. and relations - I find this Countrey --- in many respects our folds are pleased wth it beyond ther Expectation. - my wife and all our relations hear joyn in true Love to thee and all relations and ffd. that may think of us thy real

Loving Brother

D.A. Barclay

Letter from Lydia Lancaster to Daniel Bell

Dated Lancaster 6th November 1756

Dear Friend,

Thine last week I received which was very acceptable and the more so as it was wrote with thy own hand, that indeed is more than a little admirable that a person of thy age should recover such strength after having lost it so many yrs but we see all things are possible with God who gives and takes as he pleatheth for his own glory and the increase of our faith and trust in him, who hath all Power. I am glad thou art favoured with good health and strength to travel about as in the morning of thy day to be sure it must affond both thee and thy ffriends gt joy and satisfaction. yet those who cannot do so (are-added) attended with ye heart warming influence of divine virtue at Home, and truely acceptable to their ffriends there. Have also much Reason to be both content and thankful. Through mercy I must enjoy a good degree of health which can scarce be enough valued but I (—) not much to say of traveling abroad not being required thereto, nor free to move much without a degree of necessity, friends here of thy acquaintance are all as well as ussual for ought I know thy niece direy begins to look brgith(sic) upon us again but they are all well as can be expected. I delivered thyn love to them and mary more who all acknowledge with the return of theirs, which I disir thee to accept in the wholesale way. and may say that upon the whole I hope truth gains ground among us in our meeting which dos not only much increase in number but in a religous concern As I think does our love one to another. I am much joined in Heart to friends here as I also have reason to believe thy are to me in every general way. I am sorry to hear Mr. Putts is but poorly, if he should be removed it will seemingly be a great loss. But we have need to be a resigned people in all things to ye Divine will. my heart is often heavy in the remembrance of London, Heaven only knows how things will turn out there and everywhere. I sincerely wish we may all be prepared steady on such abuttance as will stand all tryals. I notte thy kind request of seing me once more there but I allso hope and disir with submission to the divine will that I never shall be seen there any more, being for ought I know clear yea fully clear there labouring at and about home appears to be my proper work yet the spreadings of Gospel love is many times as open free and extensive as ever in my heart. but thou knows that every one has but their time and season to every purposs and for ought I find the little erants alotted me to run abt was done in their season for which I do not want my reward. I have been long in writing - for which I have thought to drop that part except when found it matter of duty being old and bad at it. also my acquaintance is so large it would (be-added) almost impossible for me to answer all the letters I receive, so hope thou and others will excuse me for that deficency and take the will for the deed my dear Love salutes thy sister Bell and thy children also my beloved friends D. and G. Barclay and with much regard to thyself remains thy real and much obliged friend,

Lydia Lancaster.



Letter from Frances Dodshan to Frances Bell

Dated Durham 4th November 1760

My Dear Friend,

I'm much afraid my long silence since I rec'd thy last truly acceptable letter should give thee some uneasy apprehensions on my acct. for indeed I've oft been displeas'd with my self when I've recollected how long I've been silent to thee and my worthy Friend P. Barclay, but really such has been the case with me of late that notwithstanding I've several times attempted to write my mind has been so uncommonly restricted in that respect that I found I cou'd not write with satisfaction; but least my dear Frd. shd be uneasy on my acct. ( as above hinted ) I was resolv'd to set Pen to Paper tho' it were but just to let thee know how I fare; I am thro' mercy considering my circumstance full as well as I cou'd expect tho' since I grew Big frequently attended with a pain and weakness in my right hip and thigh wch sometimes renders me incapable of Walking over the Room without help yet have been hitherto enabled to get to Meetings tho' with considerable difficulty; but thro the goodness of Providence my mind is made in a good degree heavy and reconcil'd to my present situation as well as resign'd to the future disposal of the Divine Will Concerning me wch I esteem a great favour and hope am truly thankfull for it as well as for the many Blessings I and mine are favour'd with I was much concern'd to hear of the Death of Robt. Plumstead as well as that of thy Cousin Oxley, they both being likely to be very serviceable in their stations. but providence knows best how to effect the purpose of his unerring Will, nor is it fit for us poor short sighted mortals to call in question his Dispensations upward or so much as to say, What doest thou ! I can assure my dr. ffrd it is no small Probation with me to be Tried as I've been of late and am likely still to be, if my life be spared; yet far be it from me to Reprove He who has hitherto been my Ebenezer and helped thro' many Tribulations is still all sufficient; in whom I trust come life or come Death.

I was much pleas'd to hear thou had been favour'd with the company of our dear and worthy frd. Sophia Hume to whom please to remember my very dear Love and tell her I much regrett the long silence that has subsisted between her and me and have several times tho' of writing to renew so edifying and desirable a correspondence but did not certainly know how to direct to her; shd therefore be very glad of a letter from her. I wish thou may be able to read this I would have transcrib'd it over again but am grown so bad at stooping that writing is become at psent a sort of painfull exercise to me. My Dear Husband and Children are thro' mercy pretty well he joins with me in the renew'd salutation of Unfeign'd Love to thee thy son and Daughter in wch I am,

Thy truly Affectionate Friend,

Frances Dodshan

Letter from Daniel Bell junior to his father Daniel Bell

Dated June 1777

My Dear Father,

Being convinced of the Satisfaction it will afford my Freinds in general and my own Family in particular to hear of my Arrival in America I am unwilling to omit any opportunity by which they can possibly receive that Intelligence and shall therefore forward this letter by Capt. Millyin to NewYork as there may probably be a conveyance to England from that port earlier than Quebec; I sent a few Lines by a Vessel that we met on the Banks of Newfoundland giving you an account of the very disagreeable passage we had so far; since that time the Weather has been more favourable and we are now in the River St. Lawrence abt 20 Legs from the Isle of Bic ( the place for destination ) on our arrival there we must go on board another Ship to reach Quebec wch is abt 50 Leags distant ( the Blonde being ordered to New York to join Ld Howe instead of going to Quebec ) - Till within these few days we have had one continued severe Gale of Wind from the Time of our departure from England, which has made our passage more disagreeable than a person who has never been at Sea can possibly conceive, our Style of Life has been thoroughly un comfortable, in the morning we would attempt to Breakfast perhaps as soon as we were seated the Cups and Saucers would be all thrown into our Laps, from that to dinner we endeavour to read, walk the Deck and employ ourselves in recovering from our Fall, of wch we have had some very bad ones, at Dinner our meat was frequently in our Laps as in our Mouthes till we contrived to make the servants set to Seeward and hold their dishes instead of placing them on a table : One day Mrs. Caldwell and myself were thrown over the Backs of our Chairs on our Heads, Mrs. C fortunately fell on a Bed wch was spread on the Floor, and therefore received no Injury. I fell on the Gun but without any bust, indeed I was lucky in meeting with no great Injury once I broke a small piece of a Tooth another time as I was pouring out a Glass of Wine I was thrown with the Bottle and Glass out of my Chair agt the Bayonets wch hang upon the Side of the Ship and cut my hand in 2 or 3 places. - the good Company of Col Caldwell's Family and the Civility of Capt Millyes have so much at abates(?) the Rigor of this Confinement and unpleasant Situation. Our passage has been so remarkably rough and boisterous, our Ship so sickly and many occurences so thoroughly distressing and disagreeable that if we get safe back to our native land I am sure it must be a great Temptation that will induce any of our Party to venture a second time to cross the Atlantic; on Saturday 31st May two Strange Ships were seen, when Signal was made to chase, the Drum beat to Arms and every Man ordered to Quarters, it being 4 oclock in the Morning wee suddenly changed the pleasure of Tranquility and Sleep to the preparation for engaging but on coming up with the vessells they proved to be our Friends; they having mistaken to make the proper signal gave us every reason to expect a different Tirmination to this Affair; we had another Alarm a few days since, by hearing a continued Canonading and having great Reason to suppose one of our own Fleet was engaged with a privateer but on our bearing down to them we had the Mortification to find they were celebrating the King's Birth day; the Alacrity of the people and the Expertness of stowing every Thing away when a Ship

The musquitoes ( a kind of fly ) are a horrid Tax upon travelling in this Country. they sting thro leather and they are so venomous that the wound they make swells surprisingly, there was a man so stung the other day that he was blind and kept his Bed a week. They are thousand (times - added) more venomous than the Flies are at Stamford Hill in the Middle of July; I have hitherto been very fortunate as they have taken an Antipathy to me and keep away from me wch is a very uncommon thing for a stranger.

I am stopped in my career of writing by a letter I have just received from Quebec wch informs me that some Ships are going to England. I must forward my letters immediately as several vessels sail together. I have only time by the others to write a line to say that I arrived safe and am well lest the vessell wch carries this should fall into hands of the provincials.

Adieu, Accept a large share of affection. give my Dear love to my Father, Betsey Lucy, Charlotte Becky, Chrissy Jonathan and Caroline and believe me wth every sentiment of Regard and Affection.

Yr dutyfull son,

D. Bell.

I dsire my Father to give my last remembrance to any of my Friends he may see, but particularly to Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Mr. and Mrs Townsend Mr. Grindall Mr. Wyburd I shall soon write to him Mr. and Mrs. Headington the Gentlemen of the Club the Dickenson Mr. and Mrs. Smith (—?) Mrs. Bevan (—?)

Montreal 1st July 1777.

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To Bell from her son Daniel Bell

Dated 14th June 1777

My Dear Mother,

On my arrival at the Isle of Bic I wrote to my father and sent my letter by New York which I dare say will reach you before this, as there is no ship at present going to England. I arrived at this place after a very disagreeable passage of 2 months on Wednesday 11th June, and have since been introduced to almost all the Families of any Consequence in the place and have met with great Civility and Respect.

I find that when a ship is going away for England I shall be so much hurried that it will not be in my power to write to many of my friends. I shall therefore make a kind of Journal of this letter and remark in it any occurrence that happens to me which is worth notice, as I think it will convey a better Idea to my Frs of my Situation than a few lines written in a hurry; almost immediately after my coming to Shore I took a walk round this town which is so famous for the signal Victory gained by Genl Wolfe (over the French - added) and the attack made on it last year by the American Rebels. It is situated on a point of Land which is formed by the Rivers St. Lawrence and St. Charles, the Country around it very romantic and pleasing. The Town itself dirty and disagreeable. Here are still remains of the attack made by Genl Wolfe on the plains of Abraham and too many dreadful marks of the late attempt by the Rebels.

I have been too short a time to form any accurate Idea of the disposition or manner of the Canadians, tho they differ much from the English; as the Inhabitants were originally French they now retain the Language and customs of that Country; of late years several English and Scotch merchants have settled here and as they increase it is probable the French Customs will gradually wear away.

I live with my Frd Mr. Davison who has introduced me to everybody here. I am just returned from dining with a large party at the Lt. Governors where there was every Elegance and Luxury that this Country affords.

I was always too much attached to my own family and home to be equally happy in a Country where I no scarcely any body, but now look upon myself as a Citizen of the World and must endeavour to reconcile myself to any situation and to pass my time happily in any place that my lot may be cast in; the present uncertain State of political matters makes it impossible for me at present to form any judgement of the time of my return tho' it is probable that I shall be able to determine on this matter before I should have an opportunity of sending this letter.

Letter from Daniel Bell to his father Daniel Bell

Dated at Quebec 7th August 1777

My Dear Father

After an Absence of near 4 Months from my Friends, I had on Sunday the Pleasure of receiving a packet of Letters from home, amongst them was your Favor from the 5th May, that, wch contained an account of little Occurences from our parting at Portsmouth, wth letters from my sisters and has not reached me.

Your Journal has been very entertaining to me and I should follow yr plan, but being now engaged in an entire new Set of Acquaintance, an account of the manner of passing my time would not be very interesting, as you are quite unacquainted with the Company with whom I associate, the Civility and Attention I receive from People in general here, makes my time pass as pleasantly as I can expect it at so great a distance from all my old Friends and Acquaintances.-

Last Week I went out with a Gentleman an hour or two Cock Shooting, on the 24th July ( strange time of year for this Diversion ) we killed 3 couple - They are much smaller than ours. The Plumage on the Back and Head the same, but their Breast are nearly as red as our Robins - tomorrow I am going to look a parcel of Whistling Plover wch I have heard of for the first this Year, they are very plenty in the Fall - I believe there are few Countries in wch a Sportsman cannot find Entertainment.

I am glad to find that you took notice of our Cozn Jaffrays and altho' I spent some weeks at their House I brought my heart safely away - I fancy to their great astonishment; they seemed surprised and perhaps I may say, without Vanity, mistified, that Dawson Street had more Charms to me than their house - but so it was - Their Good Sense had more Effect on my Judgement and their Civilities on my Gratitude than their Beauty or Charms on my heart - in the other Place I had Good Sense - Civility and every Thing than can render a woman pleasing to struggle againts and therefore it is not much to be wondered at, that much possessions and Accomplishments get the better of a Resolution, wch wanted the Aid of Inclination for its Support

In answer to my Mother's letter I have wrote my Mind very fully in this subject to wch I refer you, as I am sure you are interested in my Feelings on a Matter wch affects me so nearly - I am still quite at a loss to think when I shall return, but from what I can gather, I begin to doubt the possibility of getting to the Southuran either by Land or Water; in wch Case I shall very probably eat my Xmas Dinner at Stamford Hill - altho the immense Atlandtic Ocean is between us.-

I have wrote to you very frequently lately and therefore as I am now much hurried I shall new (sic) finish - Remember me to all my Friends and believe me wth most affectionate Regard to all the Family.

Your dutiful son D.B.

Gen Burgoyne is proceeding fast on his way to Albany and does not at present expect to meet much resistance from the Rebels.

LONDON

1884

letter dated 8th december 1884 from sus n shaw to daniell bell

136, abbey road,  
kilburn,  
NW

dear daniell, jenita louisa (sic) denierres the address is:-

traunere  
richmond hill  
SW.

alfred's:-

42 rue de golgotha  
massarellas  
oportu  
portugal.

yours sincerely susan shaw

The letter is black-edged

LONDON

1827

envelope, dated london, august 18th 1827 and addressed to:-

mrs mount  
gloucester lodge  
tunbridge wells.

signed: lord rypon

SURREY

1836

letter from daniell bell to his parents dated 1836:-

Wandsworth school  
June 1st 1836

my dear parents,

it is with pleasure that i inform you that our Vacation will begin on the 22nd inst when i trust you will find i have made much progress in my studies.

school will reopen on monday 1st august. with love to my sisters, i remain, my dear parents, your dutiful son, daniell bell

LONDON

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1885

Letter from Susan Shaw to Daniel Bell, dated 25th April 1885.

136, Abbey Road,  
Kilburn  
NW

Dear dan,

I can only give you the date of your grandmother elinor turners birth. The 3rd September 1768 - and the date of my brother fullness death was 1st October 1874.

I have no record of his marriage with aunt elizabeth bell but I have no doubt priscilla will be able to give you the information I cannot about it all.

Yours sincerely  
Susan Shaw.

LONDON

1854

A form of prayer to be used in all Churches and Chapels throughout those parts of the U.K. called England and Ireland, on Wednesday 26th day of April 1854...

London, printed by George E. Eyre and William Spottiswoode, Printers to the Queens most Excellent Majesty 1854. 8 pages

LONDON

1847

A form of prayer...to be used on the 24th of March 1847...

London, printed by George E. Eyre + c. 8 pages

the Duke's funeral

printed by the religious tract society, instituted 1799; 56 parts nosta row, and 164 piccadilly.

on the funeral of the Duke of Wellington.

8 leaves

1836

A letter to mr william beeston from daniell bell, dated 8th february 1836.

Dear William,

I am very sorry to hear that you were poorly on Saturday which prevented my having the pleasure of seeing you. I am happy (this word added later) to hear from my dear papa that you are better today.

I am dear william your affectionate friend, daniell Bell

LONDON

1885

letter to daniell bell esquire from joseph c dimdale, dated 4th december 1885.

56 cornhill  
london ec

dear sir,

i have been very remiss in not writing before.

i enclose an old paper i have found bearing upon the matter i had the pleasure of seeing you upon sometime back and from it i see john dimdale who married suzanne roger-was the eldest son of robert dimdale-who i believe accompanied "Penn" to pensylvania and whose portrait in the celebrated print which doubtless you have-bearing upon long stick behind "Penn".

i am sorry i cannot find a tree going further back than this which is only a generation further.

in haste i am, joseph c dimdale.

d.bell esquire.