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Letter: Thomas Medd, England, to his brother Robert Medd, Cavan, Upper Canada, via Joseph Bletcher, Smith's Creek (Port Hope), Township of Hope, 29 March 1823.

Notes regarding the transcription:

In this transcription, most misspellings and grammatical anomalies which occur in the original text have been maintained, i.e. "neighbour" for neighbour, 'loseing' for losing, etc. Occasionally, commas and periods have been added to assist in clarifying the sentence structure. Long dashes have been added to replicate the dashes used by the writer '-----'. Square brackets [] indicate indecipherable text. The following are examples of symbols which represent measurements of currency: £ = pounds; 's' = shilling; 'd' = pence.

TRANSCRIPTION

Dear Brother

March 29th 1823

I send thou these few lines too hoping they will find the in good health as they leave us at present. God be Blessed for it. I am sadly troubled with a [] [] which is hurtfull. My brother Westaby dyed March 15 Day and is no more. I received thy letter and was glad to hear thou was in good health. I received it about alittle after Christmas. My sister is left with all in her own disposing. He was doing very badly. He has been running wrong way and has left things further in incumbrance than some people is aware of. I have sent thou some articles. Half a stone clover seed, a peck dry grass seed, two pounds white mercury, the best sort, four new sacks. Six sets machine wheels and pinions cranks and plates. Four sets for thou and two sets for John Thompson. I did not get no flax wheel irons but I mean for Towler to get them and put them in the baggage as he is coming to America. I sent them upon captain Minnit ship bound for Quebec. This letter suits one better then the other for sending my sisters affairs as she does not want any body to know how she is left. So thy old neighbour Towler is comeing to America up to thee I suppose. Except he meets with something one [on] the way and if he comes thou must do the best thou can for him. So I have sent a letter by the packet so thou will surely get either the one or the other. As for the goods I never put them under Towlers care. I thought if he was not an Honest man he might take another route and thou never get them. So thou must look after thy own goods. Towler was for taking a letter. I thought if I did not send by him he would be affronted but to make safe I have sent

one by the packet -----

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Times are very bad in England now-----.

Howden corn market for last winter:	£	-	S	-	D
Wheat from forty to -----			2	-	5 - 0
Infield oates from fourteen to about			0	-	15 - 0
Beans about ----- twenty six on -----			1	-	7 - 0

There has been a rumour about Spanish war which has flushed corn amazingly but it is falling again. Farmers are loseing their property and must of course amany of them be oblided to stop without some alteration take place. Religion seems to be reviving. I think it is likely thou and me may never meet more upon this Earth. I would warn thou as the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth live near to the Lord and I hope to meet the [thee] in Heaven never to part more. If any thing should happen me I have spoken to Mr John Bell of Portington to do business between thou ---- and me. Please to send me word if thou has received the goods and how thou is going on. I should be glad to hear thou is doing well. -----

from thy well wishing brother
Thos Medd, Hive

If I do not direct properly, thou must send me proper directions. I have paid the freight for the goods to Quebec.

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To Joseph Bletcher at Hawk and Websters, Smith Creek, Township of Hope, for Robert Medd Cavan, Upper Canada, America