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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, 24 June 1822.

Notes regarding the transcription:

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

TRANSCRIPTION

June 24 1822

Dear Brother I send thou these few lines hoping they will find thou in good health as they leave us at present. Excepting myself I have been very [bad], a long while in the gravel which makes me very unfit for anything. I received thy letter about Lady day and was glad to hear thou was in health. Thou sent of some machine wheels and [pinions]. I went to Hull intending to send them. Stephen Thompson proposed to send some to his brother and we agreed to send them all together. I went by Blanchard wagon; he came by the boat. It blowing a strong head wind, he never got in while about two o clock so I never saw him. I was so lame I could no manage. I went again. Their has never been a ship laid on since. I think we cannot send them this season. Thou sent to for some money. I never had such trouble about money in my life. I shall be throng to get money to do for myself. Though spoke concerning me coming to see thou. I could not []. If it please the Lord I get to be better, if not I shall soon be brought into a lame weak slate. I could not do any better. I desire thou would send me a letter and let me know how thou is going on. They keep making enquiry to know being desireous to see thy letters, that is Eastrington neighbours. Be sure thou as the Lord liveth that redeemed thou and me live [near] to the lord and then I hope if we never meet on Earth again we shall in heaven.

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I desire thou to send me a letter and let me know how thou is doing. I should be glad to hear thou was doing well. If I live and the lord permit I will be sure to send them another season. I had no doubt but

thou would have been ship laid on about June. I think I shall never be able to come to see thee. If I should dye I might make thee and errand to come hither. Thomas [] has taken a large farm about five miles of Malton so he has left Hoggathorp.

Thomas Arnold never mentioned any thing about coming. He is short of money. We have had a spell of dry weather. It has [minded] the markets for oates and beans, they was worth no more than:

beans [] 5---0
infield - oats [] 13---0.

Howden Market

Wheat about 2f 0s 0d
Oates about 0f 16s 0d
Beans about 1f 12s 0d
Barley about 1f 1s 0d

Without some alteration take place farmers must of course be most stopped of their corn stock line, every thing in proportion. So I must conclude - from thy brother

Thomas Medd
Hive.

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Write me proper directions.

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

I received thy letter at Christmas