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Letter: Thomas Medd, [England], to his brother Robert Medd, Cavan, Upper Canada, 2 April 1827, via Joseph Bletcher at Fawk and Websters, Smith Creek, Township of Hope.

Notes regarding the transcription:

In this transcription, most misspellings and grammatical anomalies which occur in the original text have been maintained. For example: 'complaiint' is complaint, 'fearfull' is fearful, 'allmost' is almost 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: '£' is pound, 's' is shilling, 'D' is pence.

TRANSCRIPTION

April 2nd Day 1827

Brother

I send these lines hoping they will find thee in good health as we are at present. Excepting myself I have very moderate health. I have a [gravel] complaint hurts me. Very ill. It gets worse and worse. I received thy letter and was glad to hear thou was doing well. I have sent thee a lot of [ ] Bits with George Hay. It is of no use sending along letters. George Hay can give you every information. Our last summer was Dry to Excess. In amany places Cattle was nearly [Hugerd] to death. It reduced the price of stock. Sheep that was worth two pounds a piece to about one and Beasts likewise. As for oats and beans their almost was none. As for line their was not one handfulll ever came to swingle stock. If providence sends us a cold spring its very likely a deal of cattle it is fearfull will allmost hunger to death. Tommy Watson of Newland has had A palsy Stroke which has seised [seized] one side from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot. He is never likely to walk more and it has been rumoured he has had Baliffs in house. They have cloaked it up. He is losing Wallington and Bellasize farms. Robinsons of Greenoak is reduced as low as they can be excepting the parish Blythy of Bebly has been broken once. It will be well if he stand long. Robert Blyth of Bennetland has had A palsy stroke and cannot walk by himself.

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Wheat this last year was a very fair crop. Our Markets has been stocked chiefly with foreign oats as we had allmost none of our own. Our markets are nearly as follows -----

Wheat from 57£ to 9£ - 0s - 0D  
Oates according to quality 2£ - 0s - 0D  
From 1£ 8s to 1£ 18s or [2£ - 0s - 0D]  
Beans about ----- 3£ - 0s - 0D  
Rice about ----- 2£ - 0s - 0D

It is fearfull is has Given some farmers what they will never be able to Redeem. If thou can send me any better conveyance than what I spoke on be so kind as send it and if thou can send better directions for letters sending send it. My sister sends her respects hoping thou is doing well. As for thy wife and family I shall never see them except in Heaven. ----- Mr Petch of Goodmanham is a dead man. My cousin Harper has been doing extremely well till last summer. I was their last summer. One would wonder how his cattle allmost did to live. He has his draught horses up nearly all summer. Kept them of cut oat sheaves as they had no pastures ----- John Jackson took a large quantity of opiom [opium] and willfully poisoned himself this last summer. Thomas Claybourn, Stephen Bletcher and William Horsley dyed this last year. I am at Hive now and my sister and me upon friendly terms. Interest run low. Makes me not so plentiful in mony. I shall save all I can and I hope thou will get something thou will find very usefull. Send us the best way of conveyance for it. Thy well wishing Brother Tho's Medd.

(At top on side of letter)

I beg of the [thee] to live near to Jesus Christ and then I hope to meet thee and thy family in Heaven.

Page 3 of letter (the following paragraph written in the hand of Thomas Medd's nephew)

Dear brother, I red thy letter and was glad to hear thou and thy wife and thy son was well. I was glad to hear that you was doing well. Thou said sumthing about my boys if they was active. My Daughter and my two eldes [eldest] sons are getting up fast. They are fine young folks as any one have, both sharp and active. My two youngest likewise, thank God for it. I have sent my sister some black stockings. Ann Westoby [has sent her little cousin] a small present. Dear Brother I should be very glad to see thou and thy wife and thy son in England if it could be. If not let us endeavour to meet in the next world where we shall part no more. My sons are noways inclineable to come to america at present. My helt [health] is not very good but thank god for it as it is. Dear Brother I send my loveing respects to thy wife and thy son. I hope theirs [these] few lines will find you in good helth as they leaves us at present. Thomas Westoby sends is [his] respects to is

[his] uncle and is [his] aunt and [cusion]. Pleas to [return] us answer as soon as posable. John Westoby sends is [his] respects to is [his] uncle and aunt. Ann Westoby sends her respects to her uncle and aunt. Mary Westoby.

These few lines was written by my sisters eldest son. They are all very promising young boys and girl as present

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My sister has sent these stockings and sundries. I have no doubt with a good heart but I have [page is missing a section]

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