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Letter: Thomas Medd, [Hive, England], to his brother Robert Medd, [Cavan, Upper Canada], 8 June 1825.

Notes regarding the transcription:

In this transcription, most misspellings and grammatical anomalies which occur in the original text have been maintained, i.e. "allmost for 'almost', 'wonderfull' for 'wonderful', 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

Hive June 8th 1825

Dear Brother, I write these lines with a brotherly respect to the [thee] hoping they will find you in good health as they leave us at present. Thomas Harper wrote a letter saying thou had got married and got a son and thought you was likely to do well. I was glad to hear of your doing well. He most likely would bring news from England how things were going. Blyth of Bellby has faile'd. Fosters Half [moon] Inn has failed. Robert Nurse has failed and now keeps a public house at Eastring at Swann old house. Robinsons Greenoak, their lease is run out and they are living any way as they can without a farm. William Spinks New land are gone to a farm in the west about five miles from Boot and Shoe public house. Cousin Harper has got a farm about seven miles from [Matton] and it is likely to make him a gentleman. It is an Oat farm respecting corn but grows abundant crops from 7 to 10 Quarters per acre and he keeps an immense great stock of sheep and beasts. And cattle are as dear as allmost ever was known. Corn market, wheat from 65 to 70 shillings per Qr [quarter]. Oates from 20 to 21 per Qr. Beans 43 to 44 per Qr. Seed line about 6 [pr ton]. Best white about []

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and every thing else in proportion. Times are high enough now. Robert Spofforth and Pearson are becom,d Banrupts [bankrupt] and it is fearfull will do a deal of harm in the country. Stephen Blitcher desires to be remembered to all friends and thinks it wonderfull they never write. William Turner desires to be remembered to the [thee] and desires to have an account of your country if there is any doing any good in it. I am not in very good state of health. I shall be 62 years

old next November if I live while then and I have 400 pounds my own property interests rather growing worse. By reason of money being plentiful if I should make an end 1 hundred I shall most likely have about three hundred or somewhere their about at last. I mean to divide half for Hive and half for America. I mean if all is well make enquiry at the Banks. If they can give strength for thou to draw it in Montreall or Quebec Banks. If thou know any better means send word. Robert Swann has got back to Eastrington and Maples wife with him and it is said he has a good property. He is living independent. I desire thou would send ann account of your country. In every respect neighbours are desirous of seeing thy letters.

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Thou send not [] - not [knowing] an account of all thy letters I believe I have received them all except one. Thou said thou sent one by a man that fell ill on his way that I never got. I never has the least doubt of thou receiving my letter. I allways send them the Kings Highway. Other ways are doubtfull if I have not the best of directions. I desire thou would send the best. I have got five of thy letters from America. William Walker came to New York in August 1824 to see after some property there. One Wadsworth left Howden and went to America [] [dyed] their and he came back about [] 1825 and the ship struck upon a rock upon the coast of Wales and became a wreck. They carried the passengers by a boat. He went the first boat full. The next boat full all perished. The boat upset. They being about two miles of land, he narrowly escaped. Richard Prince gave up his farm and was allmost destitute for a home. He has been at our house ever since before my Brother dyd. He wanted have the care of the business. He was helping my sister I thought to hunger the horses I thought beyond reason. [I told bad], give them a little more corn & she said I wanted to wait [] but she would [] Richard Prince mother. I was very willing. I have received some very rough treatment from her at times such as thou could not []. I think neither could I if I was not living for Jesus Christ. Be sure thou live for Christ then I hope we shall meet in Heaven. I think I shall leave Hive. Direct thy next letter to be left at Mr John Bells, Portington, for me as I mean him to do my business when I dye if he be the longer liver.

I remain thy affectionate Brother

Tho's Medd