





me with every hospitable and polite attention whenever business called me to these parts. My friend <sup>Mr. [unclear]</sup> was not at home, but I obtained of that which was due <sup>a sufficiency</sup> to enable me to attempt my voyage from <sup>his</sup> the gentleman who manages his affairs.

At the Inn where I stopped a Man put up who told me he was going the way <sup>I proposed to go</sup> and that I might obtain a passage in his sleigh. When he <sup>I had</sup> satisfied me that he would be expeditious, and <sup>that I might depend upon</sup> the goodness of his horses, I agreed to go with him. <sup>and</sup> in consequence of changing my mode of travelling from foot to going in a carriage a young lady from our parts then ad Landagoe with a brother, <sup>from</sup> had <sup>proposed</sup> going under my protection, to Scotchare where she had another brother. But unfortunately we were both deceived in the capability of the horses that drew us, and it <sup>shortly after our departure</sup> appeared clear, that unless we obtained others, we should be sure of a tedious journey. <sup>Had I been</sup> alone I could have easily remedied this inconvenience by going on foot. But as the lady had come under my protection I could not <sup>with</sup> properly leave her until we reached her brother. I endeavored to hire a sleigh, but none was to be had. so we were constrained to remain with the old man and his sorry nags. The first day we slept at about six miles East of Cayuga, and the next day at Many adary about eighteen miles farther. The snow had fallen very deep, which so increased the difficulty <sup>of travelling</sup>, that our man with his <sup>sleigh</sup> could hardly be prevailed on to start again, and all attempts to obtain <sup>an</sup> other sleigh and horses were fruitless. I am apprehensive, that contrary to my inclination, my looks betrayed the anxiety of my mind at being detained by the tardiness of our conveyance. The lady observed she had a brother in law about twenty six miles farther, and that if she could get that far, she would tarry until the roads became better. We set off again, but <sup>did</sup> not proceed <sup>so</sup> above five miles when our man expressed his determination of not going any farther. Not finding any horses to hire at the house where we stopped, I was on my way to the next house to enquire if any might be had there, when I perceived







Suppose, as the principal causes of their immorality and disorder,  
an utter want of education (although <sup>they are</sup> nominally Christians) —  
too great indulgence shown them during the various wars, —  
to prevent their going to the opposite side — and lastly, since  
the settlements established in their neighborhood, the too easy  
acquisition of spiritual ignorance, <sup>which certainly</sup> has not a little contributed  
to the promotion of evil. — Let us leave this disagreeable  
picture of our degraded <sup>brethren</sup> and hope that one <sup>day</sup> the Great Spirit  
may use his power to reclaim them, and preserve our other  
brethren from ever knowing the misfortune of becoming  
equally vicious.

equally vicious. We arrived at the house of the youngest brother, it was a real farm house with <sup>all</sup> necessary appendages. ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~house~~ <sup>house</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~house~~ <sup>house</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~el~~ <sup>el</sup> ~~eg~~ <sup>el</sup> ~~ant~~ <sup>ant</sup> ~~building~~ <sup>building</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~au~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~tif~~ <sup>tif</sup> ~~ul~~ <sup>ul</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~young~~ <sup>young</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~face~~ <sup>face</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~au~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~tif~~ <sup>tif</sup> ~~ul~~ <sup>ul</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~young~~ <sup>young</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~face~~ <sup>face</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~very~~ 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Eastern settlements in elegance of buildings and opulence; and of this <sup>superiority,</sup> the natural fertility of the soil and industry of the settlers have been the cause. For among this people, there are few or no idlers. Those who possess money or other property, <sup>which</sup> they or their ancestors may have accumulated, although they seem to be at leisure, and to live at their ease, yet ~~in these~~ <sup>in the persons</sup> or those they employ, who principally contribute to keep the wheel in motion. They make contracts for the produce of the country, which they purchase of the farmers with the merchandize they have imported for <sup>their</sup> use. ~~of the country~~ These for the most part are not able to wait the time necessary for the return of their produce, nor could they spare the ~~time~~ <sup>time</sup> necessary to form distant connections for taking off <sup>what they</sup> individually ~~produce~~ <sup>raise</sup>. <sup>that</sup> The enterprising merchant is to the farmers, a great convenience, at the same time, that they are the various channels through which wealth is added to his funds. A settler that is known to an able merchant, to be a steady industrious man, can obtain credit to aid him in commencing his improvements; perhaps goods enough to pay his wood choppers; and the ashes, ~~with~~ <sup>which</sup> when made into pearl ash, will ~~sometimes~~ <sup>sometimes</sup> pay for the clearing of the woods and <sup>the material</sup> ~~boiling~~. From the observations I have made, my dear friend, it appears evident that they expend as more in their systematic & regular management, than they do in a superior capability for labor. <sup>There are</sup> many of these most dexterous at handling the axe or other manual labor, <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ are notwithstanding always poor for want of judgment in using their talents. <sup>though they</sup> There are others who have never been brought up to labor any more than ourselves, yet by making a good use of what they are capable of, find means to make small improvements; and the produce of these soon enables them to extend them further by the labor of others.

As we are poor and stand in need of many things, would it not be advisable for us to imitate them at least as far as we are capable, and as far as may be consistent with sentiments of piety and virtue? for I would not charge our poverty to be swallowed up in the vortex of avarice; but I am convinced poverty is not a safeguard against this vice.



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We may observe daily without going from home, that those who have least <sup>disposition</sup> ability to acquire by active exertion are generally the most greedy to obtain by other means, <sup>even though they should</sup> not be the most honorable. Active industry appears rather to be an antidote to avarice and <sup>an</sup> incitement to generosity.

The successful hunter has <sup>for the most part</sup> ~~generally~~ been found generous; and why might we not hope, should we become herdsmen, or farmers (for we cannot expect to be able to reanimate the bones of the departed inhabitants of our forests) that he who <sup>has</sup> had success with his flock or his crop, would also be generous of that which the bountiful hand of nature had bestowed on him, as a reward for his labor and <sup>his</sup> care.

I apprehend my Dear friend, that there is hardly any situation more exposed to the baneful ~~effects~~ vices of covetousness, and envy than that of our particular Five Tribes. Situated, as they are, in the neighborhood, and among European settlements, their wants become greater than their industry can supply; for the hunter, however fortunate he may be, cannot at present obtain sufficient peltries to purchase when withal to clothe a family amply. Our farming supplies little more than sufficient for our own consumption <sup>what remains</sup> ~~the remainder~~ and

consists of ~~all~~ the pitiful annuities which when divided come to two or three dollars per man. & Then the bounty of our Father the King is a great support to such as are in favor with the Superintendent; but I fear that, <sup>in order</sup> to enjoy this favor, some are tempted to be mean. To pursue industry, employment <sup>with industry</sup> would be much better than all these. For instance, twenty dollars wherewith you may buy a cow and, with care, <sup>may</sup> every year raise a calf, will be of more service to your family for the present time than these dollars annuity: beside, that at the end of ten years, you may have a considerable stock of cattle.

Surely there is nothing to prevent us in some degree from imitating the industry of Europeans, but this <sup>want of</sup> will. You will say, they are rich, and we are poor, but riches are of no utility in this respect, but as they command the labor of many, and direct their joint efforts to



a general point. By union a number of men may perform  
the same labor, <sup>which</sup> a single rich man does by means of his money.  
In war it has been the custom for our warriors to unite firmly  
together to support the honor of our tribes, and destroy the  
human species. In peace can we not as well unite our  
joint efforts for the preservation and increase of our species,  
by rendering them comfortable in the abundant supply of  
all their <sup>natural</sup> wants? You will yet observe that  
we are in want of the necessary implements and utensils  
for carrying on work extensively: this is very true; but when  
difficulties occur in a laudable attempt, we must not for that  
desist, but <sup>rather</sup> endeavor to remedy them, as well as we can. For  
instance, could we prevail on the people to be content for one  
year with two dollars instead of three in the division of  
the annuities, this might contribute considerably towards  
the furnishing their articles: and as sometimes a warrior  
who has been obliged to go to war without any other weapon  
but a spear becomes possessed of a gun from some of  
his conquered enemies; so if you persevere like men,  
W/12 finally the fruits of your labors will furnish all ~~that~~  
that is wanted.

I arrive in Utica at dusk and find that the stage  
leaves it at day break. Next day <sup>gentle in company</sup> ~~go~~ with a single  
gentleman in black; we have a very short ride, the great  
fall of snow causing us to go on very slowly, <sup>and</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>are</sup>  
<sup>in the evening</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>arrive</sup> at the Stone Church ~~and~~ <sup>where</sup> we find up  
was formerly the house of our old friend Major Nellis: the  
present landlord retains a strong remembrance of last  
war, and perhaps on that account, and the deep snow in  
did not give <sup>me</sup> that reception it was his duty to <sup>do, as every body</sup> ~~give~~ <sup>which</sup>  
caused me to be the more particular ~~inquire~~ <sup>inquire</sup> about  
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~~On the 23rd of the month of October we arrived at the city of St. John's~~  
 In the morning we are again embarked, there  
 were now two additional gentlemen in company.  
 One of these gentlemen being of a social communicative  
 temper we became very well acquainted before we  
 reached ~~arrived~~ <sup>reached</sup> St. John's, where we dined, and arrived  
 about ten o'clock last night at this place. I put  
 up with one of my companions at the city tavern, where  
 we find Lord Selkirk a <sup>very respectable</sup> Scotch Nobleman who had been  
<sup>in</sup> to the western part of Canada ~~being~~ <sup>being</sup> a tract  
 of land to be settled by people from Scotland, who <sup>an</sup> over-  
 crowded population compel to emigrate; and, as I have  
 heard before I left you, this Lord has benevolently  
 gives them his aid to bring them over <sup>deputable them to</sup> & establish them-  
 selves there. This Nobleman is exceedingly pleasant and ~~am~~  
<sup>kind & intelligent</sup> affable. I had the pleasure of a considerable conver-  
 sation with him <sup>the manners & customs of</sup> probably from his desire of being  
 made acquainted with our people, and their  
 connections. I have seen several of the great men  
 here but had not time to see the Governor. I had  
 proposed stopping within this evening, it being  
 wet and disagreeable out; but I find Mr. M  
<sup>sent</sup> to let me know <sup>that</sup> supper is ready so I  
 must <sup>set</sup> off. - Adieu my Dear friend