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Transcriptions

Sept. 25 1854, Toronto - John Beverley Robinson to "My Dear Sir" (political matters "My Dear Sir" may be Henrietta Tupper's father see June 7 1927 letter) - Transcription follows:

Toronto 25 Sept. 1854

My dear Sir It gave me sincere pleasure to receive your kind congratulations. It was Lord Grey - not Sir George who two or three years ago desired Lord Elgin to know of me whether it would be acceptable to me to receive the distinction of C.B. - And I owe the more recent compliment, I believe, to the Duke of Newcastle who was moved, as I have reason to know chiefly by the suggestion of your old Governor - & my old master Lord [] - I am glad to find that you continue your literary labor - on your own account, as well as on account of those who are to be amused and benefited by them. Thank you for sending me Martin Tupper's autograph - & the object of your forthcoming work - you will add to these obligations, if you will write a note to Capt'n Le Froy R.A. (Woolwich - my son in law), telling him where he can procure your history of Guernsey & I shall request him to send me a copy, by some one of our friends now on a visit in England. Do you happen to have received at any time the account of the proceedings on removing the remains of Sir Isaac Brock and Col. McDonell to the Monument, in 1840, provided on a broad sheet from the office of the Patriot newspaper? - I think Sir John B. Robinson Bart, & C.B. to [] G. Tupper received 12 October You must have had it - if not I should be glad to send it to you by some opportunity. You must wait with great anxiety, and additional interest for accounts from the East, having your relatives in [the] [army] there. Already we have read by the loss of several of our friends. Poor Elliott of the 79th I knew well. [Frank] had also served in Canada - Capt. Arnold of the Madras [] who fell at Giurjevo was a brother of my eldest son's wife - a noble youth full of [] ambition - who was sure to have done himself credit if his life had been spared. He fell in his first combat - having only made his way to the Turkish [] the night before. So perishes many a gallant youth, capable of any thing that can be achieved by valor - & so alas perishes the hope of many a fond and anxious parent. I am glad to learn that Mrs. Roberts is with her husband in Gibraltar - in a Regiment I knew well in 1813 - Tell them when you write to them, to make the acquaintance of Capt. & Mrs. Young - husband (R.A.) where he will find them - they can talk to them of Toronto - & they are persons they would like - Capt. Y. is one

of [] people - a rising man - but in poor health. Believe me, my dear sir, Yours most truly, John B. Robinson

Dec. 21 1857, Toronto - John Beverly Robinson to "My Dear Sir" (re the delicate state of health of his young daughter and his wish to send her to Guernsey; also the upcoming general election - "My Dear Sir" may be Henrietta Tupper's father - see June 7 1927 letter)

Transcription follows:

Toronto 21 Decr. 1857

My dear Sir You have perhaps before this letter heard of, or seen our dear young daughter who is making an experiment of the climate of Guernsey, hoping that it will carry her comfortably through this winter - It was on her account we made our last visit to England (in 1855) when I had the pleasure of seeing you in a too hurried way. She was then in an extremely delicate state of health, but by the great care taken of her by her mother, she regained her strength so far that we were encouraged to bring her home - though rather doubtful whether our very cold winter and warm summer might not prove too trying for her delicate constitution. She soon became weaker here, and her nervous system was at last so much disordered that we restored her in the spring to the less rigorous climate of England, and we have to hear that she has been constantly improving - we have fortunately had it in our favour to give her the agreeable change of a winter in Guernsey - with Miss Ross who was long living with us here as a Governess, and who will, I am sure, take all possible care of her, - Besides what other friends she may make in Guernsey, I should like her to be acquainted with you & Mrs. Tupper and your good mother who gave me the pleasant afternoon's drive about the island - I leave now four of my seven children in Europe - my eldest son, Lukin, & his family living this winter at Brighton - Col. & Mrs. Lefroy in London - my youngest son Charles also there waiting for his commission in the Rifle brigade - & my dear little Mary who is I trust enjoying many a bracing walk on your pier - We are just now in the midst of a general Election; and the canvassing seems to be carried on with more than usual spirit. It will result, I think, in strengthening materially the Government of Sir Edmund Head, who is a man of spirit & ability - & very fair & honest in his administration - We have so far not suffered much in Canada from the monetary pressure that we read so much of - we abound in banks; but not one of them has yet suspended specie payments - There is full confidence in their stability & there has thus far been no run upon them - With my kind remembrance to Mrs. Carey, believe me, my dear Sir. Yours sincerely, J.B. Robinson Note: at top of last page of letter: "1857 Received 5 Jan. 1858 answ'd 10 January"