

(OBVERSE)

[3 circular postmarks can be seen, one is black on the top corner, which reads:

‘Limerick
DE 14
1832’

One is black stamped in the middle, covering the word ‘Excellency’, which most possibly reads (as it is blurry):

‘Limerick
(unrecognizable because of blurs)’

while the other one is red, placed below the previous black postmark:

‘(unknown place name)
MAR 4
33’

[3 other red postmarks can also be seen, 2 in the shape of a rhombus – 1 placed in the top corner, in which only a corner of the mark can be seen; the other one placed around the bottom corner next to the red wax seal, which reads:

‘(incomplete part of postmark)
DE 15
32’

the last one takes a rectangular shape, placed right above the previous rhombus-shaped postmark, in which the characters are blurry and unrecognizable]

[unknown word] Excellency
The Government of Upper Canada
[unknown repeating letters]
Upper Canada

[On the left side to the words ‘Upper Canada’, a few column of words are contained, which reads:

‘(Paht?)
3N
1N8
(horizontal line for separation)
4N8’

To the bottom of ‘4N8’, the characters ‘1N1/ 5N9’ are added with darker ink]

[At the bottom of the letter, next to a rhombus shaped postmark as mentioned above, a red wax seal is attached, and some writing is seen below the seal upside down, which reads:

‘[Limitation?] Immigration’ that is also underlined]

(OBVERSE 1)

The society being now if [or 'is'] enough [best guess] of formation I [have?] the liberty of lending [best guess] your Excellency [now?] accompanying [unknown word] at [or 'as'] the impact of Immigration to the Colonies [unknown word] [unknown word] to be interesting to the Government of Upper Canada, [and?] I [heed?] not add [broken part of letter] any information with which you may [direct?] us [with?] families? [unknown word] [broken part of letter] in the highest degree acceptable.

Enough [unknown word] that we have already received in communication from the Colonial office [who?] [give?] of [affordable?] of the object of new society, and focusing [best guess] every [agitation?] & cooperation.

[Whom?] the [unknown word] with: [Guessing the meaning of this salutation could be similar to forwarding the letter to a certain person as it contains a ':']

& [Excellence?] [unknown word] faithful

Dec. 12. 1832.

[unknown word]

William L. [Mucy?]

(REVERSE)

Limerick, 78, George's-street,
November 22, 1832.

SIR,

IN order to obviate the great misery and disappointment which is often experienced by persons emigrating from this Country, in total ignorance of the Settlements to which they direct their steps, as well as to aid and encourage a well-regulated course of Emigration, it is conceived, that much good would result from the establishment, at each of the Out-ports, of Societies, for the purpose of placing within the reach of Emigrants correct information upon the actual state of the Colonies.—

As Limerick has, of late years, become a favorite Port for Emigration, and as it is a City second to none in works of practical benevolence, the experiment could not be tried any where with greater propriety ; and if successful here, the example will, doubtless, be followed elsewhere.

The objects of such a Society would be—

1. To procure and expose for sale, all the cheap Works on Emigration, and upon the Colonies, that have been lately published ; and to distribute the papers which have been printed by the Colonial Office and by the Great Colonial Companies, with the view of furnishing information to Emigrants.

2. To open a correspondence with the Colonies, for the purpose of procuring the most recent intelligence as to the demand for labour, &c. in each particular District, and to publish, from time to time, in a cheap form, the results of such correspondence.

3. To communicate with Landed Proprietors, wishing to encourage and assist the Emigration of Paupers from their Estates.

It is obvious, that the existence of such a Society in Limerick, would tend to render it a very desirable Port for Emigration—and, in this way, would be of great advantage to the commercial interests of this City ; so that the Society, if well conducted, could not fail to be warmly supported by the Mercantile Classes.

The humane Landlord, who, on the expiration of a lease, finds, as it is often the case, a number of Paupers living in wretchedness upon a portion of land wholly insufficient for their support, would be willing, in most cases, as in all it is his interest, to assist, in a pecuniary way, such families as were desirous to emigrate, if he were quite sure that he provided for them a home more comfortable than that which they leave; and to such Landlords, a Society of this kind would be a most valuable depository of information.

Nor would it be of less convenience to the large class of highly-respectable families with limited means, who are unable to advance their children in professions at home, but who could afford to give such of them as preferred enterprise in the Colonies to idleness at home, sums varying from £100 to £500, which, in the Colonies, would form by no means an insignificant capital at the commencement of life.

It would also receive the support and engage the interest of all those who regard a well-regulated system of Emigration, as equally useful to the mother country and to the Colonies — to the latter, in supplying their only want — Population ; and to the former, in serving as a stream to carry off her unemployed hands — in opening a future Mart for her commodities — and in establishing the name, the language, and the power of Great Britain, in the remotest extremities of the Globe.

It is intended, if the proposal be generally approved, immediately to form a Society such as has been described, so as to be in operation before the season for Emigration commences ; and your assistance and co-operation are earnestly solicited.

Persons subscribing Ten Shillings and upwards, will be Members of the Society, and entitled to vote in the Election of the Committee. If you should wish to become a Member, you will, perhaps, be so good as to send in your name, either to the Rev. M. KEATING, George's-street, Limerick, or to myself, at 78, George's-street.

I have the honor to be,

Your very obedient Servant,

William S. O'Brien,

Secretary Pro Temp.

R. P. CANTER, PRINTER, LIMERICK