

Niagara. Sept 16.

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Dearest {Madre}

I am now at the farthest  
point of my journey and start  
on my way back to Quebec with  
Conolly the day after tomorrow  
via Lake George & Lake Champlain

I have been much interested in  
the trip but have lived in such a  
a state of bustle and having that  
a reception of it will be a relief

We arrived her on Friday night  
rather tired as we had a long  
day travelling and HRH had  
to receive about 18 addresses on  
the way. When we got here the  
D of Newcastle received a proposal  
from Mr. Blondin to wheel the  
Prince over the falls on his tight  
rope in a wheel barrel and in

case of letting him fall "to return the money" I have my little doubt that he could do what he proposed as he went across just below the suspension bridge played as sorts of tight rope feats in the center then took a man on his back crossed over with him and returned on stilts. It was a most wonderful performance I strongly advised HRH not to wait and see him do anything that he had not done before and the feat of the stilts was a first attempt but he was so anxious to remain that he carried his point against our prudent remonstrances and it all came off right but if say mischance had occurred he would have blamed himself for having given encouragement by his presence. HRH very [keeping] to me to go on with him to Hamilton

and Detroit but I am anxious to get back to the ship. The party is still a very pleasant one although I cannot enter into the merits of of the party. I mean the Duke whose want of tact has made one part of the journey's failure/I mean this, not bonding at Kingston/ he is to anxious about the Press reports that he keeps tending the Princes reporter on all occasions.

My present intentions are to sail about the 1<sup>st</sup> October from Quebec and make our passage down to Portland as much under sail as possible loading in Halifax if I find we have time in hand as I do not wish to be longer at Portland than will be sufficient to allow us to coal &c before HRH reembarks on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

I should have told you that our reception at London was without

any drawbacks from Orangemen  
or others over loyal societies.

Today is raining hard so the  
Prince will not see as much of  
the Falls as he might but he has  
tomorrow in hand. I have not  
received a letter that I hear from  
Conolly/through a letter of his from  
my Father/that you have written  
and I am anxious to get it to  
know if any fresh stir has been  
made in that {?} that we  
all deprecate on lots: account  
Ld Lyons is laid up with bad boils  
and I doubt if he will be able to  
travel with HRH through the States  
which is quite a misfortune as beside  
being very pleasant as a companion  
he knows the [?] pretty well  
and is like by them. I believe he will  
go straight to Washington and try to get  
well there before their arrival

Give my love to all [?]

Dearest [Madre] /with affection

G Henry Seymour

