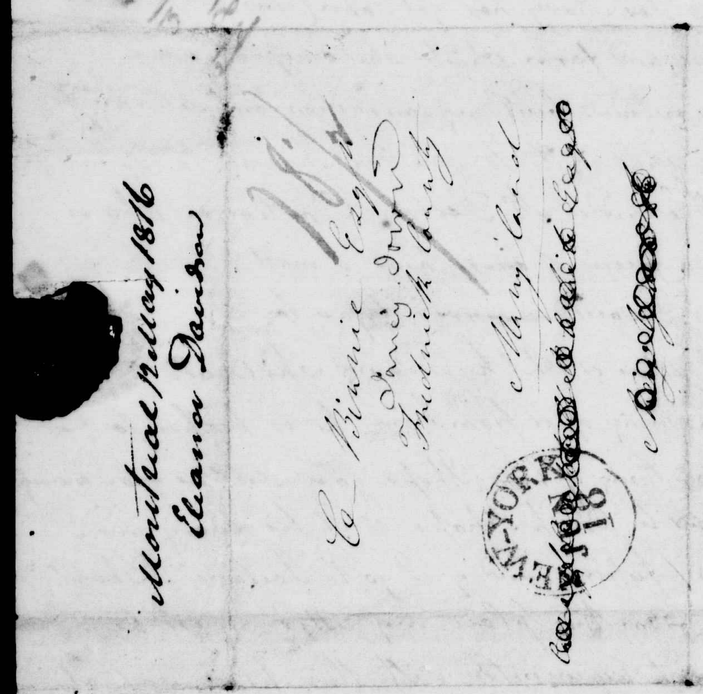
Montreal May 12th 1816.

My Dear Cousin,

I am almost ashamed to acknowledge how long it is since I received your kind letter by which I was so much pleased, but still hopeing to have something more satisfactory to communicate put of writing untill (I suppose) you now think me unworthy your notice, but I hope to shew you that I am not so bad as I seem, I was much gratified to hear that you are so well provided for by your Uncle I think you have made a wise choice in remaining in America, and I have no doubt but your family will be full as happy where they are, as in this native land though it may require time to reconcile them to it, I speak from experience, no one ever felt more real sorrow at leaving her Country, and friends, than I did, it was merely the propriety of the measure that prompted me, not my inclination, and not strange to tell I feel as much, at the thoughts of leaving Canada, which by the way I have not made up my mind to do, but you shall hear. It will be two years next July since Sister Mary, her daughter and granddaughter returned to this country, I had hopes they would have found it expedient to have established themselves here, as all her property is in this place, and here we could I think have lived very happily on our united incomes, for her property is risin



you were good enough to say you would be glad to see any of us at your place or that you might possibly make us a visit in Canada, be assured it would give me much pleasure to see you here for you could travel with more ease than we could do, but had it in my power I should be very happy to see you surrounded by your family at your own home where I hope you will long, long enjoy happiness and Comfort. Adieu