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that he requested me to sign and send back, duly signed and sealed in presence of Mr. William H. Burrell with the seal of the State of Nevada and if it has miscarried that I will send another back in the same way if any thing happened to the first one. I directed it to Tecumseh House London, Ontario Canada. We last evening had an arrival

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among us of two outcasts of Great Britain, Dr. Luby and General Burke who spoke a few words in which Burke appealed to the Passions of Irishmen. I should think that he would be good riddance to any Country. They were met and greeted by a large concourse of Irishmen. An American remarked that the demonstration was greater than on the fourth. The Fenian Element is very large here, and they are keen to avenge the wrongs of Ireland on Canada. But they are starting a new platform, Viz! the consolidation of Orange and [Green?]. I expect that there will be some of lively work in New York City on the 12th with the Orange Party. I had to borrow a little money from a party and I paid it and in turn lent the same man some. I intend to lay by 50 dollars. I have about \$100 saved but it is nearly all in the hands of my employers yet. the parties for whom I work have purchased two more tailing mills and I expect that the work will likely increase so that I shall get higher wages. I expect four dollars a day. Please tell Mr. Jas Davidson to take my compliments & give some to his Uncle John, and

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you can command me. If our dear
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sister Mary but got no answer as yet.
Please give her my address if she did not
receive my letter, and please send sister Carry's
address. I got a letter from brother Henry
who promised me a paper he says that he
is doing well and greaves over the death of our
dear Parents. he is building a house by contract

for \$6600 and is going to build one for himself that he intends to rent for stores. the service for the evening was about Baal and I forgot the text. I hope that you will write and let me know how you are getting on. Please give my love to all.

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