

as I may have occasion for it to close my House Accounts with the Workmen, &c,
unless I hear from you to the contrary, or unless I shall have been able to
dispose of some of my Lands here in the mean time. —

1817 was the first year of steamboat traffic on Lake Ontario and the *Frontenac* was that first ship. The letter beneath was "favour" carried from Kingston (likely) to Dublin. The letter contains much personal information, but also relates the following military related matter as well.

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"On board the Steamboat Frontenac - Lake Ontario. August 30 1817

General Widdrington, who commands at present in Upper Canada, is on a Tour of the Province.

We remain a sufficient number of hours only at York to make the necessary inspections, when we resume our passage across the lake to Niagara."