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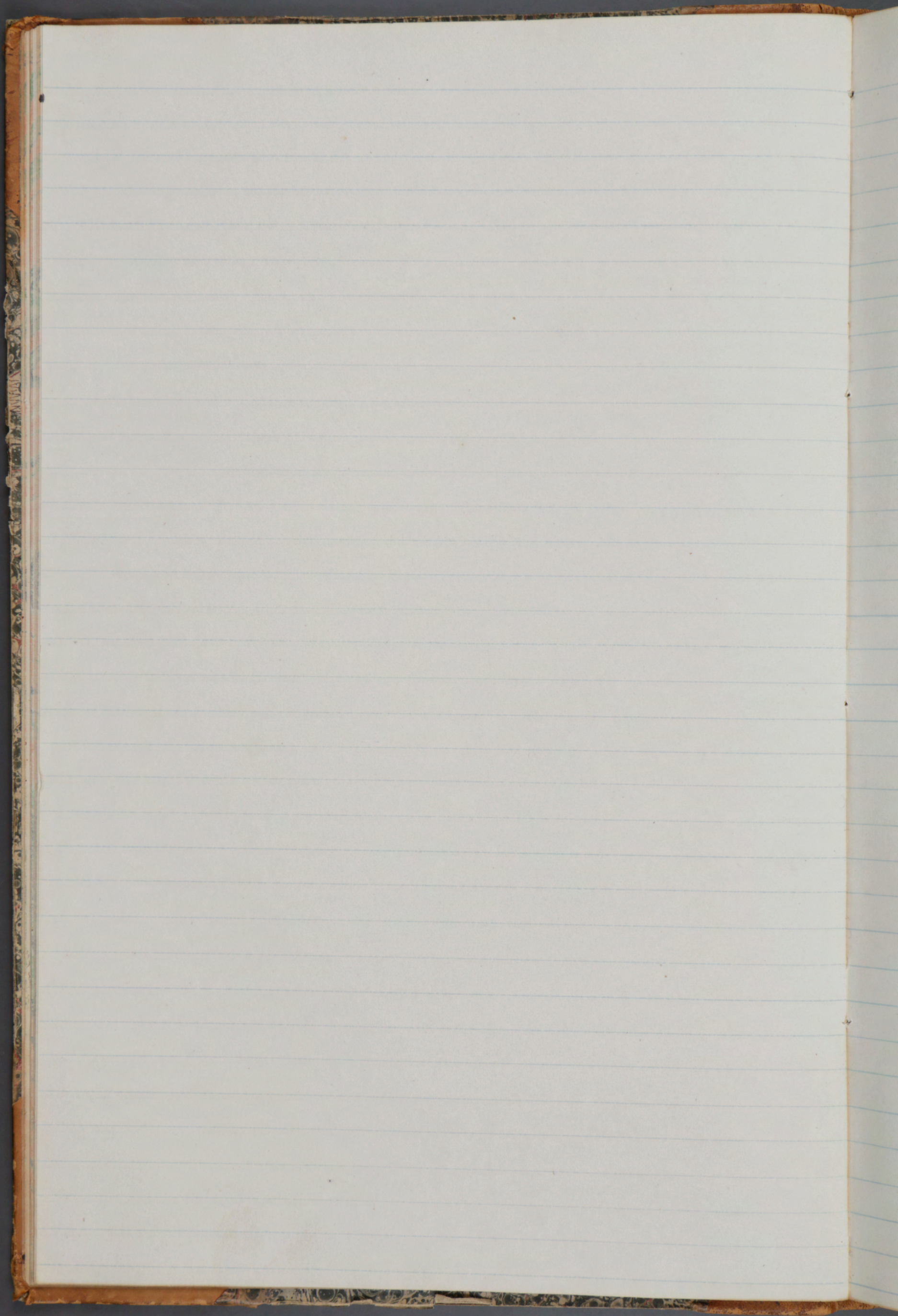
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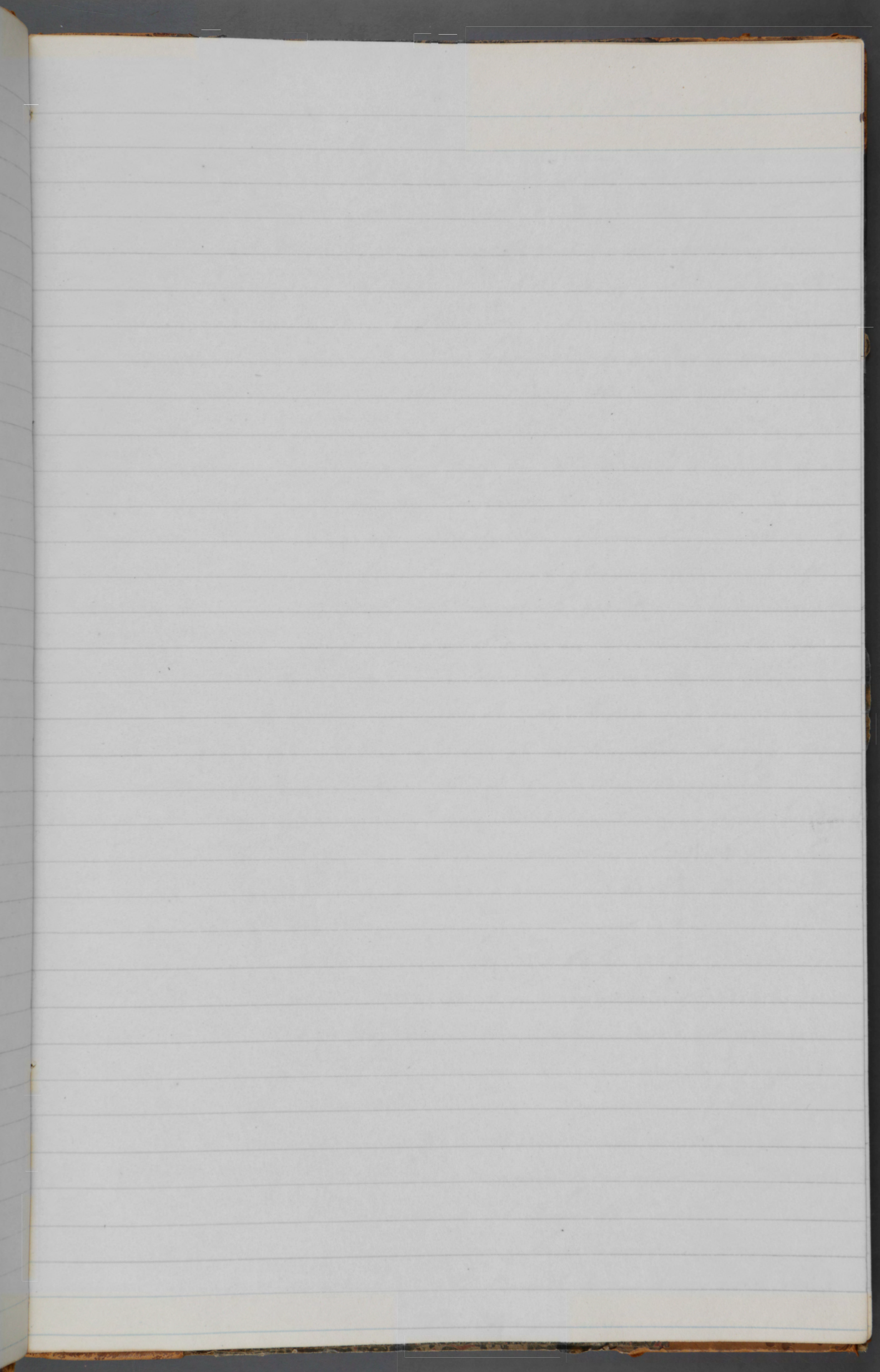
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Montreal 10th Dec^r 1836

Dear Sir

I duly received your favour of the 6th Inst enclosing the proposed tariff which I have attentively perused and the following remarks will serve as a reply to your observations and also my conclusions on the equity of the tariff. Regarding that for up freight I presume that the intention is to get a fair remuneration for transporting valuable and bulky goods in a way that will be the least objectionable to the public and as this has been drawn up by persons of practical experience I have no doubt but that it is well adapted for the end in view and its beneficial effects will be participated by all. I will have no hesitation to recommend its adoption by our Committee.

Regarding the Down freight I am of your opinion that a tariff for that is as necessary as the other and the want of it may probably lead to unpleasant consequences if it does not absolutely destroy the good effects the other is calculated to produce, and upon reflection it really appears to me absurd that we should not be able to agree about the one as well as the other seeing that they are both equally important to all the parties concerned. You remark that the advantage of our situation has been fully considered to us in the up freight tariff. To this I reply that hitherto we have reaped no advantage from our situation but rather the contrary which will always be the case as long as Prescott is the principal stopping place for the steamers and they take their freight from there at the same rate as they do from Kingston of this important fact I believe all the river forwarders are well aware.

On Down freight you think there ought to be a difference of the price for sand or flour and other things in proportion. To this I reply that as long as the steamers go to Prescott and make no difference in their rates of freight the small advantages that maybe gained by a few schooners to unload at Kingston during the dull season of this year are more than counterbalanced by its being the interest of all the steamers who go to Prescott to make as little delay at Kingston as possible on their way down and if you will take

a disinterested view of the matter I am confident that you will see it in the same light. I have no doubt in my own mind that the time will shortly come when steamers will find it their interest some of them to make Kingston their principal stopping place and establish a little different Tariff between the two places. Whenever that takes place I will have no hesitation should I have any thing to do with the concern to recommend the same difference in our downward tariff as they do in theirs which in my opinion is all that could reasonably be demanded. Our company is perfectly unshackled with any contract whatever and are willing and ready to agree to a fair and equitable tariff up and down and whether the penalty be one hundred pounds or one thousand they will abide by it both in the letter and the spirit which I presume is the intention of all concerned and without which nothing can be binding. We are not now so anxious for more customers as to get a fair remuneration for what we do and not be so completely at the tender mercies of the public as we and all the Forwarders have hitherto been for the last two years. I have given you my opinion freely and candidly on the subject and I have only to add that I trust all the parties may view it in the same light for it is really the greatest absurdity to think that the business is all in the hands of so few and that these few cannot agree come to an ~~agreed~~ arrangement that is evidently for the interest of all even for the sake of some trifling minor difference that is not for a moment to be compared to the general advantage that would be gained. As some other business will soon occupy my attention I should be glad to see it concluded before I leave my charge. As soon as you have recommended the propriety of a downward tariff so as to have the whole included you can let me know and I will be ready to advocate its adoption there will not in my opinion be any objection to the other so that if all the other parties are satisfied you may consider that my as it is

Wm. Ferguson

I remain dear Sir
Yours very truly
(Signed) J. P. Heath

Montreal 16th Dec 1836

Dear Sir

I duly received your favour of yesterday and, note the contents. In reply to Mr. Brown's remarks I beg to state that although the Stages were not particularized in the minutes agreed upon by us yet the words "Stock as in full operation" include every thing as fully as if every article had been named, and in my humble opinion it is more comprehensive than any thing that can be substituted. But as I never had any other view there can be no objection to words if as you please. With regard to a list of the Steam-boats and Barges I can give it before long, but as I am very busy at present and not being of any moment for a short time I should like to be excused for eight or ten days, as soon however as I have any time I will get it made out. I did not think of getting a list of your craft at present as I was fully persuaded that there was no reservation to be made on either side according to Mr. McPherson's first proposal. I intended that we should have a clause in the arrangement that an inventory of all the stock belonging to both parties should be exchanged before the opening of the Navigation. In order to decide upon our future movements it is necessary that we should come to an understanding on all the other clauses that may yet require to be inserted. I should be glad to see you this evening at my house at seven o'clock if that hour will suit your convenience, to come to a conclusion on that and the Tariff.

I am Dear Sir

Yours truly

(Signed) J. P. Phipps

Regarding the time proposed by you I wish to make the following remarks in order that you may be acquainted with Mr. McPherson's view of the subject as he expressed himself to me in a conversation we had together. I proposed a short term of years to which he made a strong objection on the ground that it would be an injustice to them as it would not give them a sufficient chance to reap all the benefit resulting from the connection after giving up their own business in a manner. I state this so that I may not be accused afterwards for want of candour. I am equally willing

that it should be for three years or a longer term being of
Mr. Lane's opinion that if it is found beneficial of which I
think there can be no doubt both parties will be willing to
enter into another engagement. Large companies however do
not always act judiciously

J. B.

Montreal 17th Dec^r 1836

Dear Sir

I duly received your favour of last evening
concerning the tariff and other matters all of which I wish to see
brought to a close with as little delay as possible. The tariff in my
view of the matter depends entirely upon the Junction when that is fully
understood there can be no delay with the other. What I mean by its
depending upon the Junction is that when I had a meeting of the
Committee to lay before them the proposals of Mr. P. and the
communications I had that had passed between us on the subject
I advocated the ~~arrangement~~ tariff only in connexion with the
other and never considered it in a separate light so that I do not
feel at liberty to come to any conclusion upon them separately
nor do I think that I could consistently with the interests of the
O.C. make any difference in our prospects between Kingston &
Pascot even should they be willing to entertain it as a separate
Measure, which I doubt much. I observe that you have been
throwing some new light upon the proposition to be borne by the
pewter in bringing into existence any additional stock and also
in its division, never having viewed it in that light I am not yet
disposed to assent to your ~~propositions~~, propositions but will think
of it before meeting you. If you can make it convenient to call at
my house this afternoon at my 30th St. Louis Ave. may probably
be able to decide on the different points, at once and when they are
concluded we can soon come to an understanding about the tariff
so as to have it fully agreed upon before the departure of
Mr. P. Probably you had better make a new copy of the
minutes already assented to leaving the New Stock Blank

All we expect to see & from sundry meet, I have enclosed ~~some~~
Memoranda of what I think will be necessary to be included in our
minutes which I trust will meet your views

I remain Sir

Wm Alex^r Ferguson

Yours very truly
Wm Pitt

Montreal 18 May 1827

Dear Sir,

I only received your favour of yesterday enclosing a statement of
accounts still due by the F. & B. F. C. - which I return to you believing them to be
correct, I did not give any instructions that Mr Jones should call on you for the money,
as you might readily suppose from the conversation that I had with you yesterday
my intention was that when they called for their settlements he should pre-
sently their accounts and send them to you for payment, as soon as you was ready
to liquidate them which you can both him know to day, I arranged with
Mr - to be upon the outlook for persons coming to town indebted to the
Company, so that he might give timely notice and endeavour to effect a
settlement with them, you may safely give him authority to receive any
monies but to account to you for every farthing that he may receive at the
same time giving Mr Jones an account so that he might enter them in the
books, I did not instruct him particularly on this head, and therefore wish
you to send for him, also to give him his instructions so that he may com-
municate with you at all times when necessary on money matters when he
is not engaged on our business he is to assist Mr & C. which they understand
be particular in enforcing on Mr Jones the necessity of closing all the
accounts immediately requesting to know if he can have the accounts of
the old be against the new ready for you this week, not that it will be
of any service at that time farther than I wish to have it done before he
begins to the other books as I am very much inclined to think that
he is slipping ~~his~~ and wishes to make a job of it which we cannot afford
I have held out the prospect of making him some allowance for what
he may do at extra hours, I do consider he is entitled to any thing yet
as he promised to have the accounts closed by the first of May now I intend
that any allowance should be made to him till he has sorted up everything

and show the books, you can tell him that as soon as he has every thing
done to your satisfaction that you will allow him for whatever extra time
he has devoted to that purpose provided the thing is done at once at least all
that can be done, as you are aware that there will be some amount that can-
not be closed.

My present avocations renders it impossible for me to attend at the
office, but should anything be wanted which requires my assistance I will
be ready at any time to give it

I remain Dear Sir

J. W. H. Thompson Esq^r

Yours in Obedt^l St
Sign^d J. Redpath

PS I will speak to Mr. W. Gile as soon
as he returns about getting the needed Hon. D. P.

Montreal 1st April /37

Sir

I have just received a letter from Mr J Dods dated Southfield 20th Feb^y requesting me to purchase Bank Stock to the amount of £2,000 or thereabout say one half in the Bank of Montreal and the other half in the City Bank and to draw upon you at eight days sight for the amount of the purchase. I consider it my duty to give you some information regarding the present position of these Institutions. The charter of both expires on the 1st of June next. At a general meeting of the Stockholders of both Banks it was unanimously resolved to continue their business after that period without a charter and it is the opinion of all concerned many of whom are largely interested that the business can be carried on with the most perfect safety and with greater greater advantage. They have also agreed to double their present capital and the B. O. M. have authority to triple theirs if required but they will only call in so much stock as can be profitably employed. The B. O. M. has been by far the most prosperous institution and likely to continue so for many advantages that it possesses over its rival as both Banks have decided on giving out the new stock at par which it was ^{not} expected would be done by the B. O. M. as the new stock might be sold at a premium but it has been done for the purpose of extending their local interests. I consider it therefore a most favourable opportunity of making the investment and I think I should not be doing justice to your interests if of those whom it may concern if I was not to take the £2,000 in the Bank of Montreal instead of dividing it as instructed by Mr Dods who was not aware of the circumstances above mentioned. As a further proof of the advantages of the B. O. M. the Books were opened seven days ago for the old stockholders to resubscribe their old stock in the new institution and nearly the whole of it has been already subscribed while the other Bank which was opened at the same time has not yet got half of the old stock taken up and will not be able to get its additional stock subscribed whereas the B. O. M. will get the new stock taken up immediately. The Books for the new stock will be opened on

the 11th and my present intention is to take 40 shares of the new stock for you before it is all taken up and draw upon you as instructed by M^r Dods for the amount. I hold now 62 shares and intend taking more of the new stock. I have been thus particular in order to shew you that I have acted judiciously in taking the whole in the Bank of Montreal and the best proof of what I have done ^{for myself}. You will also have considerable advantage in drawing your exchange at home as it is very high.

Andrew Immerville Esq
Wheatstonford

I have the honour to be
Sir
yours most respectfully
(signed) J. Redpath.

Montreal 14th April 1837

Sir

I wrote you on the 8th last a duplicate of which I annex to this sheet. Obediently to my advice of the 8th I have taken 40 shares of the new stock at par say £50 per share amounting in all to two thousand pounds currency £2000 for which amount I have drawn on you at ten days sight in favour of Benjamin Holmes Esquire Cashier of the Montreal Bank in three bills as follows N^o 1 £585.18. N^o 2 £500 N^o 3 £500. making in all £1585.18 Sterling dated the 12th April 1837 and which I trust you will duly honour. The premium I have got on your bill is 13¹/₂ per cent. I have enclosed you the advertisements so that you may see the manner in which the new stock was to be taken up and you will observe that I have taken ^{the} advantage of the resolutions and paid up the whole at once so that you will stand on the same footing as the old stockholders and be entitled to the full amount of the half yearly dividend on the 1st Decr next. I have taken 20 shares new stock and do the same with my son. You are very fortunate in getting this stock at par. As I predicted in my letter of the 8th the whole of the old stock was taken up within the time and the new stock will be closed to day the 14th day being all taken up and will no doubt shortly be at a premium. Not being sure by M^r Dods' letter whether the stock was for you or some other person I took it in his name and he can transfer it on his arrival here to proper person. All which I trust will meet with your approbation. I remain Sir
Your obedient servant
(signed) J. Redpath.

Montreal 5th May 1837

Dear Sir

I received your letter to Thomas Lovell dated New Orleans 9th March or the 1st Instant only four days ago and the effect of its perusal on my mind was to produce mingled emotions of pain and pleasure. I had indeed given you up as a man totally lost irrecoverable and gone, alike unworthy either of my regard or esteem far less of friendship and it may be well that I should state to you on what grounds I came to that conclusion which will save all further repetition on so unpleasant a subject. In order to take a brief review of the whole, I will slightly touch upon days long past and gone, when I considered you almost as a member of my own family. I looked upon your dawning summer with pleasure as indicative of an honourable career of life; and I believe the friendship that I had formed for you was in every respect mutual when you commenced business I showed the confidence and trust that I reposed in you by assisting you with pecuniary means, and in doing so I had but one grand object in view, and that object was your own advancement; knowing the many unforeseen contingencies that Mercantile operations are liable to, I requested you to write me a letter to say that as I was totally different from any other creditor being a debt of honor in every sense of the word that you would in the event of your being unfortunate in business take the necessary steps to secure me. You had no security to give me but this document and this I considered was most ample being a pledge of your honor and honesty which I never doubted. I tried to account over all that took place afterwards and your subsequent behaviour the growing coldness which I evinced towards you arose entirely from your altered conduct and not from any other cause far less from that cause which you thought proper to state in the letter you left behind you viz, Attended sphere of life I have learnt to prize an honest man in whatever sphere of life he may move as the Creator's noblest work and I believe few pay less difference to these matters than I do. I am naturally most averse to enter into any unpleasant subject and though I was well aware that you were leaving the path of duty yet I would not bring myself for a long time to remonstrate with you on so delicate a point and knowing that you were not of a yielding temper was another bar to my trusting it until I fear it was too late.

I had however suffered long and anxiously on your account, and began to think that some adverse fate attended all those whom I had endeavored to assist but at the same time I was altogether under the impression that the whole had proceeded from your being addicted to the baneful cup a vice which has laid prostrate millions of the human race and may truly be said to be one of the Devil's most powerful engines when I could no longer remain silent I sent for you to my house and remonstrated with you most fully and freely on the subject and after saying every thing to you that I could think should be of any use to deter you from such disgraceful conduct unmovable to soul and body I told you the right hand of friendship was still open to you whenever your conduct should merit it; whether it produced any effect on your mind at the time, or not, I cannot say, but I rather think not; at all events, if it did it was very soon forgotten. You left shortly after under the pretence of going only to the townships; About the time you should have returned one of your notes became due at the City Bank James called to say that he had not got the money and did not know what to do about taking it up when without the least hesitation I gave him a check for the amount and it was one of the merest chances that I did not lose the whole of it when he called at the Bank they would not take the money as the money was out with the note I happened to call at the store shortly afterwards when I was passing when James told me that there were several other notes would be due very soon I looked at your Bill book and then I saw enough to induce me to take back my check. It was then for the first time that the conviction of your being gone flashed across my mind but I could scarcely make myself believe that you would have acted in that manner towards me who had ever been your friend. I soon found however that my forebodings were too true I did not grieve for my loss though I could worse spare it at that time than for several years before but I was exceedingly shocked at your ingratitude. I received your letter some time afterwards which was found among your papers and certainly the contents did not tend to raise you in my estimation. instead of contrition for what you had done I was reproached for having neglected to notice you with the same regard I had always done this was what I little expected it did not harm me I could not accuse myself of having done any thing of which you had a right to complain but on the contrary had done more for you than for my nearest friends. I have been thus particular

in detailing all the circumstances connected with our journey matters
not because I set a high value on them but for a moment would put them in
competition with love and friendship but to elucidate the reasons for coming
to the conclusions above mentioned as they were necessarily connected with
other matters.

I am truly glad that I have finished this most unpleasant part of my epistle and I
trust shall not forget myself again under the necessity of repeating any part of it. I hope the
remainder will compensate me a little for the part being so much more congenial
to my feelings.

To say that I will not forgive your offence against me is
contrary to all my better feelings and also contrary to all the principles of Christian charity.
We all stand in need of forgiveness from our God who is ever ready to forgive all those
who truly repent of their sins but he has also required it of us as an indispensable requisite
that we forgive one another. Shall man dare to disobey God? I therefore forgive you all
that you have injured me and I pray God may forgive you all that you have
offended against his laws and that you may be reconciled to him through the peace
giving blood of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Nothing could give me much
greater pleasure than to see you in the way of well doing your better certainly indicating
contrition for your past conduct which gave me in small degree of pleasure. I have
no objection to ~~carry~~ on a correspondence with you providing you really and truly feel
a deep and sincere repentance for your past conduct and that you are determined
that your future conduct shall be irreproachable and your unblameable. Only on your
giving me an earnest of that being your determination could I consent to exchange
a single letter. As the result of a correspondence on any other footing would give me
pain and could be of no benefit to you whatever. I am glad to hear that you have the
prospect of being successful in business there has been some tremendous crushing in the State
Society particularly New York and in your city you have begun at a good time in my opinion &
a good deal will depend on your own behaviour for your own advancement but I trust the Climate
of N. Y. and unless you observe the strictest temperance you will not escape. In conclusion
I would beg leave to remind you of the one thing needful - before that better part
which shall never be taken from you and look after it as for hidden treasure without
this there is no happiness either here or hereafter and it is only to be obtained by prayer
and supplication at a throne of grace. Mrs R. Elizabeth and Peter were all glad to hear
of you but now so of the change you appear to have undergone. - You did not give
me your address but I presume this will find you but - I must bid you adieu
for the present and will subscribe myself once more

Mr Mark Donaldson
Hart & Donaldson

Chapin St. New York

Your affectionate friend
(Signed) W. H. Westcott

Montreal 6th May 1837

My Dear Carthage

I duly received your esteemed favour of the 20th Jan. last by Mr McAdam who arrived in safety with his bride. If ever any poor fellow was in want of a sufficient apology, to cover his neglect I am he, I may however assure you of one thing, that you have been often in my memory for the last three months than if I had written you once a week, what with Mr. Redpath's saying when are you going to write to Mr C and what with an excusing conscience I believe I have had the worst of it.

I have just got rid of a very troublesome business which has occupied the most of my spare time for the last six months, and left me little or no leisure, besides completely unfitting my mind for any thing else, particularly ~~xxxix~~ those employment which are more congenial to my feelings. If like my friend I could at once shake of the intrusive cares of day, and lay the meddling senses all asleep" you would not have waited so long for this epistle.

We were extremely happy to learn of Eliza's recovery after her severe illness and hope that she may be long spared to be your joy and comfort.

My dear Sir these are awful times with your good city as well as many other places the Yankees have been long basking in the sunshine of prosperity but the storm has at length burst on them with tremendous fury, and the sunshine has been succeeded by a deep and dismal gloom, nearly allied to total darkness. But perhaps it was required to clear away the noxious vapours that had been long accumulating. I mean that inordinate thirst for gain, which was so prevalent of late amongst the Americans so that it seemed to absorb every other feeling. The only wonder in my mind is that the bubble has been so long in bursting. The wisdom of Providence may be clearly discerned in checking Communities and Nations as well as individuals in their headlong career and forcing them to pause. I feel somewhat afraid that we in this old world will not altogether pass unscathed. If the large American houses in London go down, the Banks may suffer a little but nothing to affect them in slightest degree. I trust your prudence may have saved you from great loss, although I dare scarcely hope that you can have altogether escaped, as no ordinary sagacity could have anticipated the full extent of the calamity which has taken place.

We have engaged the services of Dr. Bailey for the ensuing year to lecture on various subjects, he is also editor of the Morning Courier a daily paper, he is now lecturing on Elocution, and by attending them I have discovered that I am quite a novice in the

science of speaking or writing correctly although I dare say you will think it did not require any great stretch of intellect to make the discovery I am afraid I am ^{and too} too ~~slow~~ and indolent to learn, therefore I must even blunder on and trust to the charity of my friends who I hope when they get tired of me will have the honesty to let me know and they will find that in talking what is termed abtint I am not very far behind the rest of my neighbours.

I have my dear Sir to thank you most kindly for procuring me that most valuable edition of Cowper's works which has given us great pleasure and enjoyment in the perusal so far as we have gone, his letters are certainly invaluable, O how I should like to have his easy ^{flowing} style of then I would regale you with a feast that would be well worth the partaking, and I would like still better to have his spirit which would entitle me to an inheritance which fadeth not away.

I have commenced my farming operations in good earnest having engaged a farmer with his sub and each of these has his plough and pair of horses they have already turned over about forty acres 16 of which I intend to plant with Murphy's and the remainder with oats and peas the orchard has been very much neglected and my object is to put the land into good condition in the first place and then lay it out in some way which I think will answer the ~~best~~ purpose I have also men at work clearing the land of stones and bricklayers and carpenters at work repairing the house which was also much out of order, I have also got a gardener at work with his sub and we are sure to have a posy ready for M^{rs} C. even if she was to set out now. If I am spared and well I shall be so busy in putting the place in order this summer that it will not be an easy matter for me to leave, therefore I hope and trust that you will take it into your most serious consideration and pay us a visit at as early ^{as} possible and prolong your stay as long as you can we will endeavour to make your time as agreeable as possible we expect to move about the beginning of June when nature is clothed in her most gorgeous robes and you know the view is delightful I guess a walk over the ground just now would no small relief after a promenade in Wall street but I must not fatigue you with my farm I have scarcely got a glimpse of it for the last two or three days for meetings and extra meetings on our commercial banking affairs and other matters of less moment but you know "little things are great to little men"

We were extremely gratified with M^{rs} Wedgewood's present of antique China ornaments If I should happen to lose the name I shall be in a sad box

as I am not much of an antiquarian. I was glad to hear M^r R. had such
an excellent passage home and that he found all his enemies here in
good health. he is a young man whom I highly esteem from the short
acquaintance I had with him and I sincerely wish he may tread his
father's steps. I intend writing to him now since I have got my hands clear.
I shall be most happy to hear from you indeed. I should like very much
to hear your ideas on the present state of ^{things in} N. York. What is to be the result
is it to be general bankruptcy or not it looks very much like it. No every
letter we receive from our correspondents brings us an account of three or
four failures in addition to the last. There is no appearance of the end yet
one of them says whenever we can see a ray of light we will let you
know at present it is total darkness such accounts as those are certainly
very gloomy and another says things are very much out of joint
somehow or other I have got on to this subject again before I was aware
I must now close my epistle which is three days old on my hands
having only got about an hour the first heat. We were extremely amused
at your journey to the upper part of the city on that most impor-
tant expedition you had to that quarter with a certain lady. I am not
sure if my ladies have had as hearty a laugh since so that you see
you not only amused yourselves but others by the expedition and even
we had a little taste of your valuable cargo. I am afraid however that the
slight accident you bodied more mischief than what took place coming
out of the coach as I understand the lady herself has lately been a good
deal confined to the sofa. But I must not allow my self so much
latitude on these matters or I may get beyond my depth. How is
M^r Alcock has he returned if so give my best respects and say I shall
be very happy to see him again this way. Mrs Redpath I think
wrote M^r Lathledge some time ago but as she would not say a word
by way of an apology for me. I must not be too lavish in her praises
to do her bare justice however I believe she is more punctual than
I am in most things but if a man has not got the bump of order and
punctuality you must know it is a hard thing to drive it into him.
You wrote me a long letter and what is more you gave me much information.
I am afraid that you will not consider this as a full equivalent as I
have not said so much neither have I said it so well in which case

I suppose the only way will be for me to give you two for one at least
for your last one by this means I shall show some reason and that
I am willing to do what is right. I trust that this letter may find you and
your beloved family all in good health. Mr and Miss Bidpath join me in
love to you all, and believe me my dear Sir

C. Garthage Esquire

Yours most sincerely
Signed J. Bidpath

My Dear Friend

I duly received your ^{intended} favour of the 21st Inst. about
the signing of Mr. Bidpath and your ~~letter~~ ^{express} was happy
to hear of the welfare of yourself and family. I trust that your
determination to remain at home may turn out much to your advantage
and that is the only thing that can reconcile us to the absence of a friend
whom we have long known and esteemed. You will no doubt be
surprised that I have not wrote you sooner, which I will endeavour
to explain to you as you wished me to ^{revert} the funds in my hands.
I did not think well to write without doing ^{so} and after being a little better
wrote explaining the causes and reasons for not complying with
your request. I had it aside with the expectation that I should
be enabled to remit in a very short time to more advantage.
The exchange was as high as fourteen for one guinea
at the time I read your letter which I could not think of paying
as it ~~expressly~~ ^{was} expected to fall four or five shillings
in the course of six weeks afterwards which would have been
worth the delay. But in the mean time came the disaster in
the States and their ^{consequent} effect in England. The Banks immediately came
charging on the London Agents. Bills were scarce there ever
especially good ones, and ^{and no appearance of any abatement in the outlay} it was only now that I have been
enabled to obtain such a one as I consider well secured
which I trust will come safe to hand. You will have
heard we this evening you that all the Banks in the United
States have stopped specie payments and the Banks in
this Province were obliged in self defence to follow suit.

the Specie must have been miserably drained out of
the country, and we should have had no means of getting it back.
we are waiting ^{for} ~~with~~ ^{great} anxiety for the news from
England and the state of London. As to the ~~con-~~ ^{whether} the war
to stand or fall, the latter will have a most serious effect on
these provinces. As the Upper provinces are depending on them
for raising the Money to carry on the Public works I have
not time to give you much local information. Business here
is very dull in consequence of the business of the winter. ^{and likely}
to remain so but as we have not been speculating, ^{we} ~~we~~
we are in hopes of next ~~spring~~ ^{spring} ~~making~~ ^{that} the disasters
in England and the States will not be ^{so} ~~very~~ ^{severe} felt
as they otherwise might have been but we are not passing unscathed.
All the state of things has arisen from the ~~disturbance~~ ^{disturbance} in the
States and the English Merchants and the funds who furnished
the Money for the wild speculation will be the sufferers
for the last three years they have been ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~bolstering~~ ^{bolstering} up our
credit and keeping up the credit at my sacrifice they raised
up the value of their property to three times its worth and then
made it to represent so much foreign capital. I ^{do not}
not ~~think~~ ^{think} of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~property~~ ^{property} but when I see the short turn
your agent I could not force my other wants, I shall
write you again as soon as I have a little more news
from here. We have had some failure here. A. L. McPherson and
Benjamin L. L. the failure of the former caused the
stoppage of J. Mackin of London so that I shall not be
able to receive your note when it falls due but he told
me that he fully expected to pay it in the course of the summer.
I shall not have receipt of your interest. Mr. McPherson could
not pay me his note when it became due for reasons
which he says he would explain to you so I had it re-
served for three months, the only ~~note~~ ^{note} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~thing~~ ^{thing}
that I have since is another note of £ ^{of}
which added to the sum you left in my hand makes
£ ^{the} ¹ ⁹ ^{being} ^{from}

The inclosed bill 13 1/2 p cent premium whole amount to
£252.4.6

Mr J Blake

Montreal 25th May 1837

My Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a bill of Exchange No 27 drawn by P Myles
L E in my name on Messrs Gordon & Co of London for £200 & 1/4
~~which~~ ^{being} specially indorsed by me payable to your Order, which I trust
will reach you in safety. I purchased the bill at 13 1/2 p cent premium
which amounts to two hundred and fifty two pounds four shillings
and sixpence plus carrying up £252.4.6 to your debit.

The only money that I have received since you left is bank notes
for £314.6.3 and £2.15 from Mr Estel for a drawing case
which added to your deposits in the Montreal Bank makes
£209.11.10 drawn from the inclosed bill leave your balance
due to me £50.12.8 which I will retain out of the first
moneys collected on your account. As L J McMillan has
failed since you left and J McMillan of Quebec has
stopped payment in consequence, so that I shall not be
able to receive payment of your note when due but he
has assured me that it will be paid in the course of the
year, I shall not lose sight of your interest, Mr Appleton
was not able to pay me his note when it became
due for reasons which he says he would communicate to you
I therefore keep it reserved for three months till further orders.
I believe he is doing pretty well but is laying out of a good
deal of money he says he will send you a handsome bound
volume of newspapers this year. I shall send you some of the
2nd & 3rd of Aug but glad to hear that yourself and family are
all well, as they have been here and were at present
I have not time to give you any local news in this
letter, but will in my next in the mean time believe
me very Dear Sir Yours Most Obediently Thos Smith

Montreal 1st June 1837

Alex^d Ferguson Esq

1836

To John Redpath

Dr

To Balance due on Lot of land in St Antoine suburbs £ 350.0.0
" Interest on £200 from 28th June 36 to 28th June 37 12.0.0
362.0.0

Sept^r 6th By note for £150 due on the 2^d Assettment up the Interest
from the 28th of June to the 31st Dec when the note was Liquidated 4M 147.0.0
Balance due on the 28th June £ 215.0.0

Dear Sir

Montreal 1st June 1837

Agreeable to my arrangements with you last Oct^r
I have to request you will favour me with your note payable at three months
from this date for the balance on your purchases due on the 28th of June
above you have a statement which I trust you will find correct.

I am Dear Sir

Alex^d Ferguson Esq

your Most Obedt St
J Redpath

Montreal 3^d June 1837

Gentlemen

It appears that no arrangement has yet been made
with your Creditors ^{to guarantee me} ~~for the rest of~~ ~~my stores~~ during the remainder of your lease under these circumstances
I regret to say that I shall be ^{compelled} to take measures
to secure my receipts, unless I receive satisfactory security
that a sufficient quantity of goods will be left in the stores till
such arrangement be made with the Creditors ~~as will be satisfactory~~ ^{as will be satisfactory} in every respect as will satisfy me
for the fulfillment of the lease

I am Gentlemen

M^r J Levesque Barrister at Law

your Most Obedt St
J Redpath

Montreal 5th June 1837

Sir

I enclose you a check for seven pounds ten shillings in aid of the fund of the House of Industry being part of a surplus fund arising from the sale of wool to the poor by Dr. Holmes & myself which we have agreed to divide amongst some of the charitable Institutions

I am Sir

John Forsyth Esq

your very Obedt Servt

Long House of Industry

J. Redpath

Montreal May 7th 1837

Dear Sir

I enclose you the two notes for one thousand pounds each according to arrangements made at a special meeting of the Committee of which the following is a copy

I am de to your very Obedt Servt

John Forsyth Esq

(Signed) J. Redpath

Montreal May 1837

At a special meeting of the Committee of the Ottawa and Rideau Forwarding Company held this day at the Office of Messrs P. McGill & Co Present the Hon^{ble} P. McGill, John Nelson Thomas Phelps and John Redpath. Mr McGill being called to preside the meeting having been called by him to take into consideration a letter he had received from Mr Forsyth the Chairman relative to the large advances made by him in his capacity of Treasurer to the Company and soliciting to be relieved from the inconvenience he was suffering in consequence thereof

The Committee having taken into their serious consideration the very large and unexpected advances made by the Treasurer in behalf of the Company and the great inconvenience resulting to him therefrom came to the resolution to give two joint notes for one thousand pounds each payable to the Treasurer's order six months after date with the understanding and on condition that the notes should be renewed if required and kept afloat till the advances now made by the Treasurer (supposed to be about eight thousand pounds currency) be reduced to one half of their present amount that is until he has received the sum of two thousand pounds from the funds of the Company after which the above notes are to be liquidated by him out of the first available funds of the Company which shall come into his hands

(Signed) P. McGill Chairman

Montreal 14th June 1837

A. Ferguson Esq

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt
of your ^{favor} of the 5th Instant enclosing your note for \$215 by
Payable dated 1st June 37 payable three months after date which
when paid will cancel your the billance on your purchase with
the exception of the Interest from 28th June to 1st Sept which can
be arranged when at the time of granting your discharge on
the day

I am Sir

Yours very truly
J. Redpath

Montreal 21st June 1837

Sir

As it appears that you have ~~found~~ altogether changed
the verbal understanding that we had together when you were last in
Montreal concerning the payment of your notes I shall send them
to Messrs Lamarche for collection without further delay after having
given you a reasonable time from the date of this letter to ^{fulfill} ~~comply~~
the conditions that I then offered you which should have
been complied with by the middle of last month

I am Sir

Yours most truly

J. Redpath Esq C. E.
Coburn

J. Redpath

Dear Madam

Montreal 21st June 1837

I take the liberty of stating to you with regard
to the account due me that it will be ^{perfectly} acceptable to me in such
sum and at such times as may suit your convenience
I would not have mentioned it at this time were it not
that I am paying interest on a large sum amount of money
and the account has remained open for nearly upwards of three

Yours

Mr Andrew White

I Mrs Geo Muddum

Yours very Obedt St

Thos Smith

Gentlemen

Montreal 22 June 1837

I wrote you on the 3^d instant concerning the ~~sum~~ ^{my father's estate} ~~of the stores~~ ^{your property} ~~for the remainder of your loan~~ ^{to which I} ~~received your reply~~ ^{that you expected} ~~to make an arrangement~~ ^{with your creditors within} ~~in the next day or two~~ ^{which I should receive the necessary guarantee and further} ~~assuring me, that you would~~ ^{not feel} ~~see my interest~~ ^{protected} ~~severely~~ ^{I have now} ~~waited~~ ^{much} ~~three weeks~~ ^{without any thing having been done} ~~as far as~~ ^{regards me} ~~and although I have the utmost confidence in respect the~~ ^{assurance given me by Mr Laroque} ~~were you placed in other~~ ^{circumstances} ~~but under present circumstances something might have~~ ^{been} ~~done~~ ^{to put it out of your power to} ~~fulfill your engagement~~ ^{to protect} ~~my interest~~ ^{I do not} ~~therefore feel myself~~ ^{assured in remaining in my present position} ~~without a guarantee that~~ ^{there will be a sufficient quantity of goods} ~~left in the store for the~~ ^{use of the} ~~creditors~~ ^{to enable} ~~me to make such an arrangement with the~~ ^{creditors} ~~as I~~ ^{may deem advisable} ~~your Master will oblige~~ ^{you} ~~very~~ ^{truly} ~~Yours~~ ^{Yours} ~~St~~ St ~~Thos~~ ^{Thos} ~~Smith~~ ^{Smith}

Mr Geo Laroque Banquet Lang

Yours very Obedt St

Thos Smith

Montreal 22nd June 1837

Gentlemen

The Magistrates having it in contemplation to continue
Sherbrooke Street from its present termination to Green St. Street at the
Priests Farm, eighty feet wide. The line runs through my orchard on
the South side of the Avenue leading up to the house. I am desirous
to ascertain from you the value of the fruit trees that come within the
said line and which will require to be removed in consequence of the wall.
The trees are young and healthy but I believe all or most of them are of
inferior quality in estimating the trees you are not to take into consideration
any damage I may sustain but simply the value of the fruit trees as
they stand. My Gardener will shew you the line of the road. You will
please to annex your opinion to this sheet and oblige

I am Sirs M^r Hercher Gardeners
J^r M^r Gregor

Gentlemen Wood Post 1st St
Signed J. Redpath

Sir

We have examined the line of road above mentioned as shewed
by your gardener we find that twenty nine trees will be destroyed
which at the lowest estimate we consider worth fifteen shillings each
making in all £ 21. 15 Currency

(Signed) George M^r Hercher
John M^r Gregor

Montreal 23^d June 1837

To the Worshipful the Magistrates of Montreal
Gentlemen

The enclosed letter is the estimated value of the Fruit trees that will be destroyed by the line of Sherbrooke street which is all I claim for a remuneration for giving up the ground. The only condition besides those included in the joint letter of the proprietors of lands are two gates for my avenue besides those provided for into the fields which I omitted to mention. I have further to state that as I understand Mr Latourneau has petitioned to have Mountain street opened I am willing that it should be done and to open it up to the public on the same condition as Sherbrooke street as high as the head of his ground each giving one half of the street.

I have the honor to remain
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt^t Servant
(Signed) J. Redpath

Dear Sir

Montreal 24th June 1837

I was at Mr. Gaudin's last night about the Boxes he says they are worth fifteen Shillings which added to the sum I am due you for Hay and Potatoes will make six pounds fifteen Shillings for which I enclose you my check on the Montreal Bank please to acknowledge the receipt of the note.

Yours Obedt^t Servant
John Gaudin Esq

I remain Dear Sir
Yours very truly
J. Redpath

Montreal 7th July 1837

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 6th inst. respecting the rent of the stores now occupied by Messrs. Larocque Bernard & Co. and would have answered it sooner but for my having been absent from town.

In reply I beg to inform you that I am willing to accept of your joint security, but it must be for the rent to become due during the remainder of the lease without any qualification such as is contained in the ^{last} clause of your letter otherwise I am not willing to abandon my legal rights your answer will oblige

To

Messrs. P. J. Rochelande

J. Bonthelet

} Enge

(Signed)

J. T. Redpath

P.S. It will be necessary the agreement made before a Notary

Montreal 14th July 1837

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 12th inst^t yesterday, containing an extract from the resolutions of the Emigrant Society held same day.

In reply to which I beg to assure you there must have been some misunderstanding concerning the information that you have received about the admission of Patients from the Sheds. The Committee of Management have never given any orders to that effect, and if any have been refused admission it could only have been at a time when every ward that was furnished in the Hospital was full of Patients and before another Ward could be got in readiness. I intended to have heard your communication before the Committee today, but the other members did not meet. I however made the necessary inquiry and could not learn that any Patients either with fever or Small Pox had been refused. The Apothecary says that one or two Patients had been refused during the last week when there was not an empty bed in the Hospital but there were common cases of Illness, and could not have the

effect alluded to in the above extract.

I may further assure you that the Committee of Management of the M. G. H. are most desirous of rendering, this Institution as efficient as possible for the relief of all classes to the utmost extent of their means.

I have the honour to be
Sir

J. C. Goudreau Esq

Yours very truly

R. L. M. Esq

J. Redpath

E. C. Esq

M. G. H.

The following are the objections to the assessment made upon my property for the present year a copy of which is herewith annexed

No 24 in Commissioners Street and No 7 in St Joseph Street are assessed the one at £400 and the other at £30 whereas both properties are rented together to Messrs Larocque Bernard & Co at £400 and Mr Court pays his rent to them, instead of me this mistake was also made last year, but I did not observe the error till after the time had elapsed for making the complaint

No 33 & 34 is my dwelling house and lot adjoining which is assessed the one at £175 and the other at £60 the house at £50 more than it could be rented at and the lot and the lot is £250 more than what it cost and I cannot now obtain the same sum although I have been offering it for sale for the last two years, the adjoining lot but one owned & occupied by the Hon. Mr. Wiger, precisely the same size as my dwelling house & vacant lot, except that there are more buildings than on mine is assessed for mine at £150 being £85 less than mine, no vacant lot ought to be assessed for more than it can be sold for, no house for more than it could be rented for although occupied by the proprietors. The above is a true and correct statement regarding my own property and for the other that I have quoted the assessment book may be referred to

Signed J. Redpath

Montreal 14th July 1837

Montreal 14th July 1839

My Dear Sir

I duly received your esteemed letter of the 12th and was happy to hear of your safe arrival that you found Eliza better and M^{rs} Cutledge and all the rest of your family well. I have no fear of Peter missing the affection of home but I have some anxiety lest he should not repay the kindness shown to him by your family and failure in that point would give me great uneasiness. I observe that you do not find any change for the better in the state of trade since you left we received the news from England the same day with your letter with the exception of the failure of the three M^{rs} which however has since been confirmed. The arrival of the 8th and 10th packets will I suppose bring out the ultimatum that will try the standing and soundness of every man who has not yet been probed to the bottom and I should think that the sooner the matter is settled the better for the country generally, when they have got to the lowest point in the scale we may look for some amendment. I see the B of England is likely to come in for her share of the blame as well as the lap for assisting the American Houses. It is not easy to ascertain the true merits of such a course till after the different results have been fully proved. I am of opinion that the calamity would have been much greater (if they had withheld all assistance,) both in England and America, but be this as it may one thing is certain which is the truth of your observation that we require to look out for a kingdom that faileth not away, where there is abundance of true riches that will not take to themselves wings and leave their possessors bankrupt.

There is signs of mowing in our house to day the crockery and glassware have been turned out upon the floor and I find no idler that I had such a large stock on hand there is one consolation however that they are paid for to morrow the heavy artillery are to be put in motion and any bag that has been found trespassing will no doubt be severely punished. I should have no objection to be a little farther out of the way till the whole affair was over, as my ambition does not lead me that way, nevertheless I must not leave the Ladies to combat against such heavy metal with their small arms.

My Dear Sir your departure along leaves a blank in my house

and heart that is not easily filled up there is one consolation and
that is the kindness of Providence in having provided us with such fac-
ilities in communicating our thoughts and feelings to each other at
whatever distance we are separated, for this helping we ought to be
filled with gratitude it seems like a shadow or type of still greater
blessings to come, whenever you have leisure to write me a few
lines, be assured they are to me like welcome messengers I will
endeavour to reciprocate to the best of my abilities and I trust our
intercourse may be a never ending one and that when time shall
have passed away, we may be renewed under the brightest auspices
in eternity.

Should I not write to Peter to day it is probable I may
not tell after we move to Terrace Bank. Should your Bookshop
not have left when you receive this I must trouble you to send me
that if you can find it, McIntosh Practical Gardening and
Modern Horticulture in one or two volumes I don't know which
also Woodbourn Catalogue, by the by Mr Redpath who surely I suppose
a larger development of the trunk of concentration than we have
seen for since you left for Keppel Miss Martineau's first volume
I believe I did not think any thing about it but if I had I think
it is doubtful if I should not have kept silence on the subject.
On this morning I did forget and that seems to pay you for the return
of course that you was kind enough to procure for me in NY
but you may rely upon me remembering it is especially the
Ladies desire to be kindly remembered to yourself Mr & family
not forgetting Peter in which I hope there must be some
remember us also kindly to Mr. Heavens and believe me my
dear so be to ever yours

Edw. Redpath

Cth Castledyke Lodge

Should you think well to send on Eliza be sure be
most happy if we can contribute any thing towards her
welfare. Y^{rs}

My Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 25th of May acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 21st Inst, and inclosing you a print of exchange for £100 at £252.4.6 currency at 15¹/₂ per cent premium I waited for two months in the hope that exchange would fall but seeing no prospect I sent it off and it was fortunate I did as it has been twenty per cent almost ~~over~~ since, and in prospect of much decline at present, with ^{some} change in the monetary system takes as the time has now elapsed when I should have heard from you I feel anxious but my letter should not have come to your hands and inclose you the second second of exchange for the same of the same Bill Since writing you I have received from Mr. Mellar the amount of his note with the interest to the time of payment amounting to £138.8.8 from which ~~amount~~ sum I have deducted £50.12.8 due to me as stated in my former letter leaving the balance due you in my hands of £87.16. A dividend is now due of 10 in the pound on John Macmillan's estate which I have drawn for through the Montreal Bank and will please it to your credit as soon as received say £15 up the commission It is expected that he will pay the whole which is more than any one is doing here at present - there is has been and doing in the Money Market since your left several failures have taken place amongst the most very valuable Savoye Bernard & Co. business is completely at a stand here at present on account of the Bank of Upper Canada suspending in consequence, since payments after all the other Banks had suspended etc by which means they have been unable to give any accommodation there has been almost a total Bankruptcy in the United States so much for ~~weather~~ and for honest John Bull as usual has come in for his share of the loss. Our political horizon does not get much brighter but rather thickens our friends & patriots is picking violently at Lord John Russell's resolutions but poor fellows they are powerless there has been a good many commissions taken away within

Montreal 9th Aug 1837

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 3rd Augt, ~~in reply~~ ^{for the lot you mentioned} in reply to which I beg to inform you that the price I ask is \$ Five Dollars per acre on quarter on passing the deed and the remainder in three annual instalments with Interest — I may state for your information that the lot in question is ~~much~~ ^{much} superior to there is excellent land ^{and digging} on the lot in question ~~and~~ much superior to all the adjoining lots

I am Sir

M^r Guelph

Your very Obedt^t
E. H. Guelph

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 10th day stating that you had received my letter & enclosing you a bill of exchange for £200 Sterling, since writing you I have received payment of M^r Millers note amounting to £138. 8. 8 including interest till the time of payment from which I have deducted the sum of £50. 12. 8 due me as stated in my former letter, leaving a Balance of £87. 16. 0 ^{in your favour} which I have also received ten shillings on the funds on MacNab's note say £15 which added to the above sum ~~now~~ is £102. 16. 0 to your credit I regretted that I was obliged to pay so high a price for your bill but it was fortunate I did so as it has been 30 per cent ever since and I cannot think of paying so high without your instructions if however you are in moderate want of the money you will please to advise me and what to do I was surprised at your saying that you had not received any word from Appleton as it is my impression that he told me he had wrote you or was going to do at the time he sent the Books which were in my possession which I send up and your kind regards to your daughter the note for fifty pounds still stands state you which he promises to advise you of and that he

was going to send Imber in place of it I will have some conversation
with him the first opportunity. I was glad to hear that you were all
in the enjoyment of good health and that your business showed
the appearance of doing well which I sincerely hope may be realized.
There has been an unprecedented stagnation of business here as
well as in ~~the~~ England, and there has been well nigh
a total bankruptcy in the States. This year's crop and their
short importations will however do a great deal to put things there
on their feet again, and enabling them to liquidate their English
debts. I have little news of importance to communicate to you
from this quarter. I have left my home in Iowa and am residing on
the Des Moines Property at the Mountain which I purchased last
fall and for which I have promised to pay \$10,000 \$2,000 of which
I have already paid. The situation is delightful and my time
is occupied in improving the property which keeps me in
employment and suits my taste to live private and retired,
and having all the necessary enjoyments of life within our doors
and feel no inclination for business or to visit the world's public calls
and amusements. I have been endeavoring to dispose of my dwelling house
and vacant lot but have not yet succeeded although I have
offered it \$2,000 less than first cost no great encouragement
you will say for building fine houses in Canada. Mr. S. is
busy with a Government contract and the little lot is in much
reparation, and he seems as usual unusually busy. None of the other
Inspectors are doing much. Whittier is the only one that I should describe
as usual doing well. Politics I have left off entirely. Our Mock
Legislators were called together again for the purpose of recommending
their former decision about the Civil List but they were obstinate
as ever and refused to give no Public works whatever is going on
and this fine lottery is allowed as allowing to go to wreck for want
the proper measures being adopted by Government. I hope with you
that whatever party holds the reins of Government will
continue to be a favored shelter. I have as much faith in
his receiving the continuance of the divine favor and sweet extension
from his missionary efforts to evangelize the world as

from the Politics of the present Administration - too frequently
forget the great first cause and look only to secondary causes
as you and I are more well advanced in years it is better that we should
pay more attention to the interests of Our immortal souls than to
the hopes of parties which are seldom if ever attended by the purest
motives. My family joins with me love to yours and family

Believe me Dear Sir

To be your truly

Thos. Smith

Joseph Clarke

My Dear Sir

I have long purposed to write you but neglected it so long
that I am quite at a loss for an apology. I may however state that my
time has been very much occupied since the spring of the year which
was the time I purposed to write you but that now any thing else that
I know of ~~is~~ is a sufficient excuse for a for my ^{delay} ~~neglect~~ but I beg
to assure you that you have not been forgotten ^{by my family} I look back with pleasure
to the time of your visit to Montreal ~~and~~ and in the pleasure I am
given by Mr. L. M. P. ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{to} although your sojourn
was short with us it did not fail to produce a lasting impression
which will not I hope be soon effaced, ~~and the more so as~~
~~as it is~~ ^{it is} pleasing to for the memory to dwell on past occurrences ~~and~~
the memory delights to dwell on past scenes when they are of so pleasing a nature
as those which took place during your short stay in the City with us, I beg
reassure your letter on your leaving Kingston and was much pleased that you
should get safe to your home I also ^{had} ~~received~~ ^{received} your letter from New York
before your departure with a short description of your tour in the
Upper Province and I assure you it was most interesting to myself
and family, and I must further add that I thank you for description

of the Falls equals if not surpasses any thing I have seen wrote on
the subject the same sense Magnety and grandeur of the stupendous Cataract
does deeply to impress the thinking mind with the fathomless of
Power of that being who holds the waters in the hollow of his hand
and we are also deeply impressing with our own thoughts inexpressible
when standing on the rock with a full view of the Mighty
Torrent which forms its narrow winding water into the deep abyss below,
I ~~am~~ ^{am} happy to hear that you had a fine passage home and that
you had the pleasure of Meeting all the friends you left ~~in your~~
~~service~~, who were not doubt grateful to a divine providence for your
safe arrival, great changes have taken place in the Commercial world
since your arrival in England, I had long supposed that the system
of Protection could not last with three times the amount of production
to that of real business but as it continued a long time after I
supposed it must have gone I was long inclined to doubt ~~my~~ the
opinion I had long held on the subject till at length the Noble
burst involving the fortunes of my Native Men with ~~the~~ the most
worthless of the Speculations but it ~~is~~ ^{seems} astonishing to me to look back and
think that any person could ~~be~~ ^{for a moment} be deceived as to the final result of such
Mad Speculation and yet so short sighted Mortals are we that ~~for~~
~~either~~ that the most wise and cautious of the rulers of the world
who had any opportunity of seeing the character of the business that
was going on foresaw what ~~the consequences~~ ^{the consequences} so soon to ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~happening~~ ^{happening} inevitably
happen, the English Merchants and Manufacturer has paid for all in the
first place and I am ~~very~~ ^{very} sorry that you are amongst the number
I had a letter from my friend Mr Cartledge in the Spring in which
there is a passage which I ~~think~~ ^{think} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~for~~ ^{for} which I had him in higher
estimation ~~than~~ ^{if possible} ~~than~~ ^{than} ~~ever~~ ^{ever} I cannot resist the temptation of ~~transcribing~~ ^{transcribing} ~~you~~ ^{you}
the following extract

such is the language of a disinterested and generous mind, I think
that they will ultimately get over their difficulties and pay the greater
part of their English Creditors the crops are reported to be excellent
the Queen and the Court expenditures will no doubt enable

to say of a good deal of their debt there success are most
abundant and if they could only live in Moderation for a year or two
they would soon get over their difficulties, but they are the most
extravagant people for any luxury about I govt and all the Atlantic
Cities that I have ever seen the English Merchants will no doubt be more
careful in their credit than hitherto, the Banks in the Lower
Provinces were all obliged to stop specie payments after that Hook
in the States had done ~~the same~~ ^{as} it would have been in Spain
to have attempted to have carried it one live while it was at a
premium of 100 percent across the Line ~~as~~ the paper would have
refused to have been replenished any week and this course has saved
the Merchants in this place by ~~enabling~~ by allowing them the usual
facilities we have had no failure of any consequence but business
is almost at a stand The Bank of N York & the Upper Province
were in great distress with their Agents Wilson & Co but fortunately
they have in long enough ~~to~~ ^{to} allow all the Bills that were
pending to come to maturity, while our agent & Wagon at the
commencement of the peace, and the account was transferring to Mr
Kane & Smith a bill before their failure which set us down I believe
~~the Banks of the Upper Province from whom they were~~ I was not
sure if they ~~they~~ the Banks of the Upper Province for whom they were
Agents are entirely clear, but enough of business some of which cannot
be interesting to you Mr M^r ~~the~~ but Mr S will soon have a good
M^r X if all is well from that. I was off all is not morning he does
not allow her to go to the Chapel but she must go to Mass and
dip in the holy water I had no idea that he was such a bigoted
and intolerant Catholic. I such conduct you will say is not the
way to procure peace and harmony, Mr Lathrop has had some
business about I. Worth's eyes but this they was very touched at
I suppose he did not like to ~~be~~ ^{be} absent from the seat of business at
so critical a period. You may probably recollect the spot where
we collected from our catches when we were going up to the
top of the Mountains I have purchased that property but
full and about £35 including a good piece of the Mountain
You may recollect the Bear spot at the top when we stood

My dear friend I have seen that in the center of the property
I have paid in rather poor land to pay for it twelve hundred pounds
We have been living on the property for the last six weeks and
I am sure time is passing in vain. I am adding the property
to of your funds were here lately and I was very much disappointed
at not seeing them. They had a letter of introduction from Mr. Laidley but
did not call on them, and I was sorry at the time but nothing
was done. ^{you are} ^{presented} ^{my} ^{greater pleasure} ⁱⁿ ^{paying} them on any of your funds in
attention in my power but I must now close this long and I
am afraid to you not my interesting letter. I have not yet given
up the hope of visiting England before long when we shall be able to
pleasure of seeing you. I shall ever feel it will always be a source
of pleasure to me to hear of your happiness and prosperity and your
brave fight with the world. I have not seen you for some time but I have formed an
a very high opinion of his character from what I have heard of his
conduct and from worthy exertions in the cause of Melancthon and
humanity, and if you are happy now has not been completely so then I hope
it soon will. Mr. L. says he sees me in that hope and I am sure
in the best wishes for your welfare and I shall esteem it as a favor
to hear from you at your usual convenience.

Believe me Sir

To be my truly your affectionate

friend

H. Capron

Edward J. Melancthon Esq.

Montreal 10th Nov 1837

Sir

I have as I proposed to you the other day enclosed an offer of the lease of my house to Sir John Colborne Specifying the conditions, which are agreeable to those contained in my note to Dr Robertson and signed in duplicate one of which you can accept and enclose to me. I have been particular in specifying that the premises will be delivered up in the same good order as they now are, knowing the damages that houses are subject to in taking in and out furniture by careless persons, and as it is my intention to dispose of the premises first opportunity nothing would have induced to let them on any other conditions.

Also the Whitewashing of the ceilings and ornamental work which are all newly done by Mr Weatherit require to be done with great care, for if they are improperly done once there is no remedying the evil, I would undertake to get that done for you in the Spring and save both trouble and expence.

I will take the liberty of making a few remarks which may be useful to you in giving instructions to have the house put in order.

1st The Hall stove is too close to the doors and would require to be removed a little farther in, as the doors are too much exposed to the action of the heat. There will require wood boxes on each flat to prevent damage to the walls and floor which are now in perfect order. A stove will require to be placed on the first landing of the stairs or in some place contiguous, otherwise the pipes in the water chest will freeze during the severest weather. The stable yard may be kept entirely clear as they have plenty of room outside the wall to put the surplus wood that will not go under the sheds.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

To — Commissary Genl Rice

Yours very obt^l
(Signed) J. Redpath

The pipe tables in the dining room cost £20 I would dispose of them at £15 they are as good as new, please to let me know if they are not required. The Hall lamps may be used and make me any allowance for them you think proper

J R

Montreal Dec. 18th 1837

Dear Sir

I have got your deed properly executed, with a full discharge. I would have sent it up long ago, but was in hopes of being able to get to By-Town in the course of the summer and intended to have it registered on my way up, which would have saved you some trouble; but as I have been unable to accomplish that object. The document now waits your order. Annexed you have my account by which you will see that I am in advance Ten pounds twelve shillings, on your account which you will please to remit at your earliest convenience by Mr. MacKay, or through the Commercial Bank Agent, as I am much in want of the balance. I hope that your farming is progressing to your liking, and that you are all in the enjoyment of good health, and remain &c &c &c

Mr. John Ballantine

J. R.

P.S. I wrote to Mr. Fairbairn some time ago, but, not having received any answer, I must suppose it has fallen into the hands of the Rebels at Grand Boule as it was reported they had taken the last upward bound Mail which was sent from Montreal. The letter contained a statement of his account and required an immediate answer. It was addressed to the care of Mr. Fitzgibbon.

J. R.

Dr	To Cash paid Mr. Anderson on the 27th July 1835 - 3 rd Instalment	£26.11.0
	" Cash paid do do 14th Decr 1835 - 4 th Instalment	25.4.0
	" Cash paid do do 8th July 1837 - last Instalment	23.17.0
		<u>£75.12.0</u>

Cr	By Cash received from J. Ballantine in July 1835	£20.0.0
	" " " " Decr 1835	20.0.0
	" " " " Decr 1836	25.0.0
		<u>65.0.0</u>
	Balance due	<u>£10.12.0</u>

Terrace Bank, Dec. 20th, 1837

Mr. Whittaw

Sir

I received yesterday your note with the enclosed account for work done at my house which, I must say, surprised me not a little. I have attempted to wade through the items comprised under the head of extra or additional work, but find it so complicated that I can make nothing of it. I find also many articles charged that belong to the contract. I have to beg you will make me an account of the additional work ~~done~~ that has been done, and charge each article complete, including time and material, also carting. Say so much flooring in Kitchen, at so much $\text{\$/square}$, so much Lado at so much $\text{\$/foot}$, so many extra Cellar doors at so much, each; and so on, completing each article under one head without reference to dates which is of no moment whatever. Probably the better way would be to go over the work with the architect, and see what work has been done additional, and what has been omitted.

I will speak to Mr. Parry to attend some day in the end of the week, for that purpose. I will point out some places where there is eight days work that did not occupy more hours, besides being included in the contract.

I remain &c &c &c

J. R.

Montreal January 9th. 1838

Mr. Thomas Fairbairn

Dear Sir

I wrote you in the latter end of Nov. inclosing a statement of your account up to Jan. 1st 38 to which I have not received any answer. I addressed the letter to the care of Mr. James FitzGibbon in the hopes that you would receive it with less delay: but from the circumstances of my not having received any answer which I requested you to write me immediately, I am led to suppose that you have not received the letter and as it was about the time that the mail was stopped on its way up at Grand Prule, it is most likely to have fallen into the hands of the rebels. The cash advanced on the farm with interest to 1st. inst. amounts to the sum of £47⁵/₁₀ as

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detailed in my statement to you in my last letter. I there mentioned that as you had been unsuccessful in your crop last year that I postponed the payment of your first instalment to this year, and that I was not a little surprised at not having received a letter from you ere this on the subject, and at the same time and at the same time requested you to pay the money into the hands of the agent of the Commercial Bank, that I might draw for it immediately. The interest is now swelling up the amount to an enormous sum, and my present circumstances are such as prevent me from extending the payments which have been already ~~too~~ long delayed for your own good. I have heavy payments to make and will require to realize every shilling that is due me. I am still at a loss to understand even if you had not received my letter what is the reason of your silence as you are aware that your payment became due on the 1st inst. and you ought certainly to have remitted me punctually after having advanced the money on your account so many years. Write me immediately, and let me know if you have lodged the money according to instructions. I wish you would take a look up to my farms at Hogback and see that no one is cutting any timber off the back part of the land. I am anxious to sell ~~them~~ if you know of a purchaser as I cannot hold them much longer. Waiting your immediate reply

I remain &c &c &c
J. R.

Terrace Bank January 10th 1838

James Holmes Esq^r

Dear Sir

I address myself to you as having been the active member of the Committee who made certain arrangements with Dr Barber for the delivery of a number of lectures, and for the Editorship of the Morning Courier. According to my understanding he was to conduct the paper in accordance with our political views, of which the declaration put forth by the Constitutional Association was to be the basis, and that he was to advocate at all times the views and interests of the great majority of the Constitutionalists. I have already stated to you verbally as well as to the other persons interested that in my opinion ever since the commencement of the present rebellion the editorial matter of the paper has been sadly deficient, and in many respects directly calculated to injure the Constitutional cause. A report has emanated from the Executive Committee of the C. A. in which the grievances of the British and Irish inhabitants are clearly set forth and a remedy proposed which I believe meets the views of almost every one of them, and, almost every one of them instead of warmly advocating our cause, he has studiously avoided the question, for fear no doubt of giving offence to his patrons. Such conduct is however unpardonable and will no doubt meet the indignation of every man who wishes to see the country freed from its present thralldom. If you think well to call a meeting of the persons who composed that Committee I will bow to the decision of the majority. Otherwise I must declare off - as it was with the above mentioned understanding alone that I ever assumed the responsibility of a shilling on Dr B's account. And I think we have been duped both with regard to his abilities and sincerity in our cause, which it appears very clear to me has been sacrificed for other purposes.

I remain &c &c &c

A. R.

Montreal 1st Feb 1838

Sir

Agreeable to promise in Nov^r last I sent you duplicate copies of our arrangements about the lease of my house to his Excellency Sir John Colborne to the first of May next. I requested you to sign and return one of these copies, and your having omitted to do so has no doubt arisen from the pressure of other and more important business.

I beg leave to call your attention to that part of the document which required you to notify me in the month of January whether or not you would require the premises for the ensuing year as that time has elapsed without having received any communication from you and I do understand that his Excellency will return the house. Your answer will oblige

To

Assistant Comptroler Genl Price

Sir

Your Very Oblt^d humble^t
(Signed) J. Redpath

Montreal Feby. 22nd 1838

Mr Thos. Fairbairn

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 26th Oany. in answer to my former letters. I am sorry to hear that you will not be able to meet the full amount of your instalment, which should have been the interest and one tenth of the debt. You should have enclosed me the note as I could have got it discounted here, being in immediate want of the money. If the note is drawn in your favor you will endorse it (putting your name on the back) and enclose it to me immediately on the receipt of this, no matter where it ~~is~~ made payable, as it will be sent for collection wherever it may be. I mention this because if it be made payable in By Town you might suppose that it should not go to Montreal.

Should any person enquire after my lots at Hogs Back the price is 25/ per acre, but I might be induced to give them for 45/- if the payment was cash or nearly so, as I am paying interest on a large sum of money at present which I should be glad to diminish a little.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs Fairbairn is suffering with Fever and Ague, as it is an unpleasant companion to say the least of it. We are all well. If I am spared to the summer I will come up for the purpose of having all things settled, matters and things arranged, as it is very unpleasant to have them lying in their present state.

I remain &c &c &c

J.R.

You had better take into your serious consideration what arrangement you can enter into before I come, for the liquidation of the debt. You will remember my promise that I would take £100 from the principal which is all that I can do for you, and you must expect to pay the remainder punctually, according to agreement.

J.R.

Terrace Bank Feb 22/37

Mr John Whitlaw

Sir

I have spoken to Mr Parry and requested him to attend to the measurement and value of the extra work that has been done at my house, so that you may have it done whenever you find it mutually convenient. It will be necessary that Pierre should be along with him in going through. All articles that have no connexion with the house you can make an account of by themselves, such as the repairing of stables, barns &c, with other articles such as wheelbarrows, handles &c, &c &c.

I am &c &c &c

J.R.

Montreal 16th March 1838

M^r T. Appleton

Dear Sir

I have just received another letter from M^r Joseph Clarke requesting me to get his affairs settled with the least possible delay. I have therefore to request you will appoint an early day for the settlement of the same, as it will be very inconvenient for me to attend to it after this month. In the meantime I am going to transmit to him all the balance now in my hands, and as you said the other day that you intended to pay the note now in my hand for £57.4.4 the interest due thereon to date is £3.11.4 making in all £60.15.8 which you will please to hand me; as it is difficult to get small bills; and it will spare me both trouble and expense sending it along with what I have in one bill - and he appears to be much in want of the money.

I am &c &c &c
J. R.

March 24th 1838

M^r Appleton

Dear Sir

I wrote you a few days ago about M^r Clarke's business - more especially regarding the note which you promised to pay - to which communication - as well as the one I sent on a previous occasion - I have not been favoured with any reply whatever. It was my intention to have sent the bill by the next packet and this is the last day. You will please to inform me what is your attention to do in the premises in order to enable me to acquaint M^r Clarke when he may expect to get the business settled, and also whether it is your

intention to liquidate the note at present as if it
is not your intention I will send what money ^{I have} in my
own hands without it.

I remain &c &c
J. N.

M^r J. Clark

Montreal 20th April 1838

My Dear Friend

I duly received your esteemed favour of the 4th day about
a month ago I am sorry that you should have so much cause to complain
of M^r Appleton's tardiness in coming to a settlement ~~on the~~ I addressed him
a note on the receipt of your letter requesting his immediate attention to the
subject and to name his own time for ~~the~~ to meet me to some matter
appertaining to this he did not reply I wrote him again to which he attended
and came up to my place I represented to him the necessity as well
as the propriety of coming to a settlement he promised that as soon
as the clocks should get ~~through~~ the accounts prepared he would turn it
down. ~~I also requested stated to him what you expected from him~~
~~without~~ he also promised to pay me the amount of the note ~~as that~~
~~I might be enabled to cash it here~~ which has been so long due
which is now with the interest ~~amount~~ 66-15-8 I told him that I
~~wish~~ had some money of yours which I did not remark in the
last account of the high rate of exchange and that I wished to
avert the present formidable opposition of the Sun note
and urged him let me have it immediately ~~to send~~ to save ~~me~~ the
trouble of getting the bill that I might send it along with mine
I have waited for the last two weeks in daily expectation of receiving
it ~~but~~ ~~according~~ according to promise I sent my son to his
house to know why he had not kept his word and I am sorry
to say that he found him up with Rheumatism not able to move
otherwise ~~I believe~~ consequently has not been able to look
after any of his money matters otherwise I am sure as to
believe I should have got it ~~I have thought~~ but you
~~would be the loser~~ ~~I have therefore~~ I do not consider

Tenace Bank. 9th June 1838

Sir

I wish to know if you have received an answer from Quebec to your communication concerning the payment of my account for Rent of House lately occupied by his Excellency Sir J. Colborne, as I have a ~~have~~ payment to make on Monday and require the Money -
Ass. Comm. Gen. Price.

I am &c &c
J. P.

Montreal 6th Sep. 1838

Sir

I enclose you my account against the city for the value of the fruit trees which were on the line of Sherbrooke St. agreeably to the arrangement made with the road Committee at the time the joint letter of the Proprietors was given to the Magistrates, offering the ground for the continuation of the Street, on certain conditions therein specified. I sent you a copy of the valuation last year and ~~it~~ ^{the expense} should have been paid at that time. I beg leave to enclose another copy.

I am Sir

J. P. Payer Esq^r }
Road Treasurer }

Yours &c &c
J. P.

Gentlemen,

Dear Sir

I send you inclosed three promissory notes, the property of the late firm of Mackay & Nepean, and amounting in all to £353 and 17.2.4 exclusive of interest, of which you will find a statement ~~inclosed~~ annexed. I have also inclosed the several protests for non payment ^{of the notes} ~~of the notes~~ and an indenture of Mortgage which was given ~~passed~~ at the for the security of the payment of the debt to all of which I have to request your particular attention and ~~that you will~~ use all due diligence to collect the sum, ~~even~~ ^{as} the utmost equity has been ^{shown} ~~granted~~ to the debtor Mr. Col Hugh Baird as you will see by the notes dated of the notes, he has been repeatedly wrote to, to settle for payment to prevent unnecessary expense and as often promised to pay but as you will observe he has ~~been paid~~ ^{but} without performing, You will observe by the Obligation that there was originally four notes of him of an equal amount one of which he took up, and paid a part of the second ~~amounting~~ leaving a balance of £60.12 payable to the order of John Nepean one of the said firm, the other two notes remains in their original state ^{ten} years interest having been paid on one of them, The land ~~secured~~ in the Mortgage which has been mortgaged would not pay the debt if brought to sale, at least such is my impression, but ~~as~~ he has other property in Lower Canada ~~besides~~, but I have no doubt that as soon as you obtain a judgment on the notes he will find ways and means of liquidating the debt, the land will always go so far, the following is a memorandum of the inclosed papers &c

- for £60-12
- N^o 1 is a promissory note by N^o H Baird to John Nepean ~~dated~~ 4th June 1834 payable sixty days after date. Protested 9th August
- N^o 2 promissory note for £146.12 ^{by} N^o H Baird payable to his own order, dated 7th March 1833 payable 1st Sept^r 1834 protested 6th September
- N^o 3 Promissory note for 146.12.4 by N^o H Baird payable to his own order dated 7th March 1833 and payable 1st March 1835 - protested 5th ^{May} 1834
- N^o 4 Protest for the non payment of note N^o 1
- N^o 5 protest for the ^{non} payment of note N^o 2
- N^o 6 Protest for the ^{non} payment of note N^o 2
- N^o 7 Protest for the non payment of note N^o 3

No 8 protest for non payment of
 No 8 the Endowment of Mortgage by V. H. Bond in favour
 of Mackay & McQuinn dated 7th March 1833 Registered
 3rd April 1832 Committee present & Messrs. Messrs. Messrs.

The following is a statement of account for 1st Jan 1839
 V. H. Bond with interest charged to 1st Jan 1839
 to Mackay & McQuinn for

To 1st 1st Promissory note No 1	£ 60. 12. 4
To Interest on ditto from 7th Aug 1834 to 1st Jan 1839	15. 14
4 years say 4 M & 21 days & per cent	16. 1
	Protest 7. 6
To Promissory note No 2	146. 12. 10 1/4
Interest from 1st Sept 1834 to 1st Jan 1839 4 years 4 M	38. 8. 11
	Protest 7. 6
To Promissory note No 3	146. 12. 4
Interest from 1st March 1833 to 1st Jan 1839 5 years 10 M	51. 5. 9
	Protest 7. 6 1/4

Memorandum of note No

No 60-12 Montreal 4th Jan 1839
 Sixty days after date I promise to pay to John McQuinn
 Esq or order at the Montreal Bank Sixty Pounds Twelve
 Shillings value rising
 J. V. H. Bond

No 2

No 2 Montreal 7th March 1833
 On the first day of September 1834 I promise to pay to myself
 or order One Hundred and forty six Pounds Twelve Shillings and ten
 pence for the sum of money with interest from 1st March for
 value rising.

184 14 9
 146-12-10 1/4
 38. 1. 11

Endorsed pay the within to the order of John McQuinn
 J. V. H. Bond

60 12 6
 16 6 6
 46 18 6

Pay to the order of Mr John Phillips or order
 J. V. H. Bond

Montreal 17th March 1838

1460.12.4 1/4

On the first day of March 1835 I promise to pay
to myself or order One Hundred and forty, Pounds Twelve
Shillings and four pence further, ~~being~~ ^{being} amounting with interest
from 1st Inst. for value received

N H Bury

Endorsed

£ 1460.12.4 1/4

N H Bury

You will observe that note N 1 has changed
its original face I mention this in case it may make
any difference and require to be sued for alone
as

184-4.9
~~184-4.9~~
~~184-4.9~~
~~184-4.9~~
197.18.1
~~197.18.1~~
~~197.18.1~~
~~197.18.1~~
459-4.10

You will observe that in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~original~~ ^{original} ~~note~~ ^{note} ~~of~~ ^{of} the Money having been
sent on one of the notes ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~face~~ ^{face} of ~~the~~ ^{the} it is changed
from the original ~~assumed~~ ^{assumed} in the Obligation I mention this
in case recourse may have been lost on the ~~being~~ ^{being} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~case~~ ^{case}
and that this might require a separate process You will
with pleasure take care of the papers,

459 4.10

1070 6.3 ^{Interest}

460.12.4

Mr Thompson
Dear Sir

Montreal 21st June 1834

Excuse my reticence when I last wrote to you. It was
my intention to have been in Bytown in the course of the summer
but I was not able to accomplish that object, from want of time
and must therefore defer it till next summer which I regret very much
as I am extremely anxious to have all those matters put on a permanent
footing, I have a large ^{which will require me to visit you & my friends} sum to pay, and I must know what
I have got to depend upon. I am surprised ^{at} not to hear from you
about the Indentment for this year more particularly as you were short
£15 on that of last year. I have therefore to request you to let
me know immediately when and remit to me with the least
possible delay the Indentment for the present year and the Balance
due on the last, as I have already granted you every indulgence
I trust you will not disappoint me any longer as I have long
promised to make that visit at the appointed day. I
have had some excellent crops. I hope that will find you all in good
health and that your business is as it was in the last time
I saw John he was well and is I believe getting on tolerably well.

I remain, Dear Sir

your very Obedt Servt
J. B. South

Mr John Ballantyne
Dear Sir

Montreal 21st June 1834

I wrote you last the last time I wrote you I said
when I wrote you last I sent you an account of the
Balance due to me requesting that you would remit the sum
immediately. I was not able to accomplish my intended
journey to Bytown last summer consequently ~~was not able~~
to get your ~~and~~ your debt still remains in my possession
unregistered. I must however be up early next summer
as it is impossible for me to leave my business in that quarter

in its present unsettled state any longer, as I have advanced ^{about} of six hundred pound to Fairbairn and Thompson ~~for the purpose of~~ ^{for the purpose of} ~~returning~~ ^{returning} at great inconvenience to myself for the purpose of ^{safe} ~~returning~~ them and now when the payments have become due and more in particular want of the Money it has not been furthering, I will thank you to remit me the Balance you now owe me at your earliest convenience or if more convenient for you to pay the money to Mr. Mackay it will answer me equally well. Your immediate answer will oblige Dear Sir

Yours very obt St
Thospath,

Montreal 22nd Aug 1839

Mr Thompson
Sir

I should be glad to know when it will be convenient for you to pay me ~~any part of~~ ^{any part of} ~~your~~ ^{your} ~~debt~~ ^{debt} and repay me for any part of the Money that I advanced you to build your House and set you up in the ^{business} ~~business~~ line which was to have been repaid immediately. I think I recd your account of the same in my last letter you will have to bestow yourself as I cannot allow it to remain in this state any longer

I am, Sir

Yours very obt St
Thospath

A Lapinboire Esq
Sir

Montreal 25th January 1839

I beg to inform you that I shall not require the House in Laquachet Street belonging to the firm of Lapinboire & Co (at present occupied by my Brother) after the expiration of my lease on the 1st of May next.

I am Sir

Yours most obt St

Delivered by

Thospath

My Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, ^{both in the same day the 21st} and note their contents, the letter of which ~~last~~ surprised and pressed me somewhat exceedingly being totally unprepared for the receipt of such intelligence, you wrote me from Zurich requesting me to send you \$1000. but I had no funds of my own to spare and I could not realise on your funds till they became due which I was not willing to make, not knowing the ~~extreme~~ ^{unfortunate} ~~degree~~ ^{circumstances} of the case which I cannot help blaming you for not performing one of. If the your funds had been in a tangible shape such as promissory notes I might have got them cashed at the Bank by my own introduction but being in bonding securities I could do nothing with them in that way. ~~My intention~~ ^{My intention} was that as soon as they were within three months of falling due to anticipate the payment of them by getting a note discounted which I was just about doing for the sum of £100 when I received your letter, which prevented me from carrying this into effect as I might be held personally liable for the payment. If you had wrote to me stating you were I could have released on the obligation due by Mr. Angell without much sacrifice and which might have relieved you. I cannot conceive it possible that you should have entered into engagements to reimburse the whole of your funds here particularly as there is the 900 all your property, that is one constant and therefore not available. I had called on Mr. Appleton to know whether he would accept a draft for the first hundred pounds which became due in May but he could not get a sight of him till the day after I received your letter when he told me that he was not even about going to Paris as he saw no means of meeting it when it became due he seems to be very much downhearted and says that he has been severely lately and in some by his late partnership. If you had wrote me to realise on any part of your bonds that I could do with the least surer I would have done so at once and sent

give the proceeds that you have been informing me of the assignment
 of your property proceeds now from so early as I mentioned before
 that I should be held liable for the amount herein it would
 now be a dishonorable action which I would not have known I
 could not be guilty of, which is of itself sufficient bond for
 me, My Dear Sir I have as yet received no communication
 from my person on the subject although you have ^{expressed} your desire
 to the him of the writing of the great Western but I suppose
 from the tenure of your letter I may expect them any day -
 I ~~cannot~~ ^{strongly} desire to express to you my feelings with regard
 to your loss but that I mentioned before I was sitting at a
 table to concern you you could have supposed yourself to
 be ~~unfortunate~~ so deeply in debt. About a time your letter
 does not show much better on the subject I rather on
 I wish to pay with your satisfaction but I cannot
 help feeling you for not giving me the only opportunity
 in my power to give you notice

Montreal 25th July 1899

My Friend

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favours of the 21st and the 25th of Dec: on the 21st which surprised and grieved me, not a little, the receipt of such intelligence being totally unexpected. You wrote me from Quebec requesting me to send you a Hundred Pounds Sterling but I had no funds of my own, and yours being all in bonded Securities could not be made available till they actually became due, the only thing that I could do was to have ^{anticipated} ~~accepted~~ the first payments by getting a note discounted Three Months before your bonds became due which I was about getting done when I received your letter which precludes me from doing anything till I receive instructions. I cannot help blaming you for not informing me of your precarious situation, as I

might have dispensed of the obligation on Auldgo
without much loss, and remitted you the proceeds
with regard to Appleton, it would have been a
little more difficult, as I do not think, he will be
able to meet his engagements at the time, still
something might have been done with his also, to have
relieved your most pressing obligations. I cannot
conceive how you could have entered into such heavy
engagements, as to have absorbed the whole of your
property in this Country, which I ^{am} led to understand
is the case from the tenor of your letter. more
particularly as the greater part of it is not available
being on Consignment, and that you should have allowed
the whole of your property to have been sacrificed
by the act of another, without taking any steps to pre-
vent it, which you might easily have done, is also
to me a mystery of which you have not given me
any explanations. Do not think however that I
wish to pry into your business. My only feeling
is that of sorrow for your case, and that you put
it out of my power to render you a service, ^{in the way} which
^{above mentioned} I would have been glad to have done, I have
not yet received any instructions regarding the
property in my hands but must expect it every day
from the tenor of your letter. I did not call upon
Mr Griffin, yet as I know he can do nothing, after
the notice you have given me of having made
an assignment of your property. I may mention
to you that I called on Mr Appleton the other day
for the purpose of asking him to accept of a draft
for the first £100 which becomes due in May -
which he hesitated about giving as he said he did
not know how he was going to meet it when due
without I could guarantee the renewal of the note
which I could not well do, he entered into a

harangue of his grievances with you, said that he
had been dreadfully used at B.V. both during his
Partnership and afterwards, and almost said with
tears in his eyes, that he was a Ruined Man, all
this is the Effects of long standing Acc^t which
ruins every Body connected with them.

I received three Letters since you left to your
address 13/6 Postage to your debit, which I com-
mitted to the Stone agreeable to your instructions
I have nothing more to communicate to you
that can be of any interest. I will at your
request stop the Herald abstract. The County
is apparently quiet and we are anxiously waiting
to see what the Parliament will do for us

I rec^d a letter from Peter who has got a situation
in "Manchester" through the Interest of his good
friends in England

With kind regards to yourself & family

Mr Dr Clarke

I remain yours &c &c

Y^o &c &c
John Redpath

Terrace Bank. Montreal 27th Feb 1839

My dear Sir

I received your much esteemed favour of the 11th Ultimo and I need scarcely tell you that I was much pleased with its contents a pleasure in which all my family participated. We felt great cause for thankfulness and gratitude to the giver of all good for his unmerited goodness. Words cannot express to you My dear Sir as well as to M^r Hodgeway and family my feelings for all your kindness and attention to my son. The trouble you have taken has laid me under an obligation which I fear I shall not be able to repay there is however one consolation which greatly relieves my mind and that is the sacred promise that every good action shall finally be rewarded. and even in this life there is the reward of an approving conscience. a reward a reward which I trust you will ever enjoy.

I have also received three letters from Peter one from Hawley of the 22nd Dec immediately after his arrival and the others from Manchester of the 13th and 23rd Ultimo the last by the Great Western written at your suggestion giving us a full and particular account of his arrival and sojourn at the potteries and also of your journey to and success at Manchester he closes the account of his residence among his kind friends at the Potteries by saying "I believe if I had remained a week or two longer they would have spoiled me altogether. it is a great source of pleasure to me that Peter has so far gained the esteem of his friends in England, and sincerely hope that he will endeavour by his good conduct to return so valuable a friendship. I have already observed the good effects of your allowing him to remain a while with you before sending him into the world of strangers, as it has given him a bond of attachment to the Country which he would not otherwise have had. your views with regard to responsibility coincides exactly with my

ours. If we perform our duty aright that is
all we have to do. The results we must leave
to the Governor of the university, who does all things
well, and makes every thing work together for good
for those that fear Him.

I was glad that the change in my views with
regard to the kind of situation for Peter, meets
your views and Mr. Ridgway, on the same subject
and that you were so fortunate in obtaining so
respectable a situation, which was more than
I could have expected. The only cause of regret
in my mind connected with it was the trouble & time
which it cost you. But I shall not say more
at present on that subject although I do not feel
the less. Whatever engagements you make with
his employers will meet my cordial approbation.
I hope they will not pass too hastily a decision
on his abilities while on trial, but give him time
for a fair opportunity to prove himself as Peter's
accomplishments are not many ones. I observe
what you report about the difficulty of obtaining
situations of that description and have so much
more reason to congratulate you on your success.
We were also much pleased that you had got him
so respectable lodgings. I wish by all means
that he should remain there. Whatever may be
the difference between that and an inferior place
I cordially my dear Sir approve of all your
suggestions with regard to his expenses and after
setting aside the necessary sum for Board
Lodging Washing &c to allow him a certain
amount for clothes & pocket money, which
amount I will leave entirely to your self to
determine as you are a better judge of what

would be proper than I can possibly be
You are already acquainted with my mind on
that subject, and were I to say more I should
say I would wish to be economical but not
mean; he must be respectable to be respected.
And in his expense, as well as conduct I should
wish to be exactly what his friends in England
would wish. I have no fear that Peter will
abuse any indulgence that may be granted
him and I would rather that he should have
a little to spare than be kept too short, and
that it will much more continual to this
spirit. in short your views are mine
and in case of any unforeseen contingencies
I have settled a little more than the sum
you mentioned I should require to place at
your disposal. I have made arrangements
with the Bank of Montreal to instruct their
agents in London Smith, Payne & Smith
Bankers to honour your drafts to the amount
of £120 Sterling p Annum I sent them
your address Wanley Staffordshire Staffordshire
and enclosing your signature which you
will please to note was taken out of
your last letter Francis Money the instruc-
tions will go by the same packet with this
I shall not take up more of your valuable
time at present with this one sided matter
It gives us great pleasure to hear of the
welfare of yourself and Mrs M and
of Mr Ridgway & family My family all
join me in kindest regards to yourself
Mrs. M. and Mr & family to whom
we owe deep & lasting obligations