

Lake Winnepeg

En route to Norway House

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1849

Rev<sup>d</sup> and Dear Sir,

I have with much pleasure and satisfaction to acknowledge the receipt of your much esteemed, and to me very interesting favor of June 7<sup>th</sup> last, which I received just before I left the Cumberland Station, whereby I learnt that you have in goodness and favour, sent me by Norway house all the flour which I requested; as well as the rest of the articles accompanying.

I have with feelings of gratitude to acknowledge my unfeigned thanks to you, for your kindness in thus supplying myself and family with the necessaries of life, and which to us in particular is the staff of life. And I have to return you my most grateful acknowledgements for the present of 1<sup>Cwt</sup> flour, which to me is invaluable. - There is not the least Doubt, but that all the flour you have sent will prove quite satisfactory,

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and found to be of inestimable value.

I quite agree with you on your remarks, concerning the importance of the erection of our new Church, and I care very little on the Amount of toil and labor which I have to bear on its erection; but I am not alittle troubled on account of my own Children, losing the most important time of their life for learning &c, as well as for the Children of the poor Indians, who are fair forgetting even the little they knew for want of practice.-

I have informed the Indians of your kind remembrance of them, and earnest prayers on their behalf; and they have begged of me to remember them, when next I write, in the most affectionate terms, christian love, and gratitude for your kind remembrance of them.-

Nothing of importance have occured at the Pas, since I last wrote in January. We have been very busy all last ~~summer~~ winter getting wood to finish it, the Church, and I believe we have succeeded in getting all the wood required to finish it, not only the Church but several other buildings also.

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And ever since the spring we have been busily employed at the Church, and much more so now, when we hear of his Lordship's comming into the country. We have got on so far as to have it ready for the covering, and I expect they will have on the first coat of covering with boards before we get up again, they had I believe more than half of the shingles made for the last covering. And the Church (yard) was nearly all ready to put

up.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Hunter has again lost another child the last month, it died at its birth - and M<sup>rs</sup> Hunter was getting quite strong again when I left.

Soon after our arrival home, Mr. Hunter intends to come out in the same boat to Norway House, to meet the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Hunt there, and to bring the rest of the things which we shall have to leave this trip.

Pray, excuse this servant while I pray that you may be blessed with being continued in that very honorable live in which you are engaged, and also with the hope of having won many souls to Christ Jesus our Lord.-

I remain your very

humble Servant

Henry Budd