

Fort Garry 20th July 1849.

The Rev^d John Smithurst,

Rev^d & Dear Sir,

I have intended for some time back to pay you a visit at the Indian Mission, but my time has been so limited, that I fear I shall be unable to do so untill after the departure of the boats for York Factory, meantime your communication of 29th June last, has met my most serious attention.-

I perfectly agree with you that it is most desirable to adopt such measures as will lessen, if not put a stop to the dealings between the Half Breeds & Indians and to effect this object my attention will be directed this ensuing season.- I would most willingly have a store at the Indian Mission, but the difficulty of my finding a trustworthy person to put in charge of it will, I fear prevent my carrying this plan into execution. I however shall be on the outlook in Course of the Autumn. On this subject, I trust to have the pleasure of conversing with you before it will be necessary to decide.-

I enclose herewith a Bill for M^{rs} Catherine Hope for £2 St. sent in by Thomas Hope her son.- The woman I believe resides at the Indian Settlement, & I will thank you to hand it to her.

My hand is still painful & renders it necessary for me to employ an amanuensis. -

With best wishes, I am,

Rev^d Dear Sir,

Yours Very Truly,

John Ballenden