

York factory 1<sup>st</sup> September

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Rev<sup>d</sup> John Smithurst

Sir

I feel myself called upon by every feeling of justice and gratitude, to express the deep and indelible obligations under which I labor towards you for your kind and disinterested efforts on my behalf. It will I am sure give you the most heartfelt pleasure to be informed that I am still in the H H B C. Service, which, I am in duty bound to acknowledge, is altogether owing to your ponderous influence at headquarters.

It has been, I assure you, a matter of great surprise to many that you should have so laboriously exerted yourself to serve a perfect stranger; but how little is the generality of mankind aware of the irresistible force of the current of generous philanthropy which gushes in torrents from your mighty heart.

It is generally acknowledged, that it is the duty of a clergyman to use his utmost efforts to benefit his fellow creatures, and perhaps your modesty will not admit that you did

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anymore than faithfully discharge that duty towards me; but be assured, Sir, no other man with whom I have the pleasure of being acquainted could have done it to one tenth the extent.

But in thus rendering you the tribute of my humble thanks I must not forget that your amiable friend Capt<sup>n</sup> Herd most cordially co-operated with you in your praise worthy labors.

I have been at some loss to determine the most suitable manner of publicly acknowledging the extent of your favors towards me, and after mature deliberation have come to the conclusion that it may be as well to lay the matter before the Missionary Society who will I trust in due time advance you to the Mitre.

I have the honor to be

With peculiar respect

your very obdt Servt

Ina Cowie