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Cedar Lake in route to the
Grand Rapids June 24th 1845

Rev'd and Dear Sir,

As I expect I shall have very little time to write you, when I get down the Grand Rapids. I avail myself of the present opportunity of dropping you a few lines, to acquaint you, that I am quite well, and left my family much in the same state. And it is my wish that you may be in the same state of good health, when this finds you.

I have here seven empty casks of flour, which I purpose sending back to you. Each cask is well hook'd and marked. (Budd) We have returned one of the casks which Mrs B__ used [?..?] in for soap making. But you can, if you please, let me have an additional cask or two on my acc. for next year. The Butter Kegs you send us - I was almost sending a couple of them back too, to get them fill'd for next year, or else get my money for them; but I thought it would perhaps be inconvenient, as you get the Butter Keg and all from the same man. However we find the price of those butter kegs to much

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where we have fresh kegs to purchase every year, and they are of no more use to us here after the butter is emptied(sic) out of there. If we could do with the kegs like the flour casks they would serve for a few years, and save us a little expense. Permit me to trouble you for a few garden seeds such as the early York cabbage; the surds turnip; some carrots; lettices(sic); Beans; the onions(sic); and a few garden pease(sic). Which you will please to change me for. - And if you care to send me the seeds this fall by Norway House, or by the winter express for I am quite out of seed, the last you sent me is all done.

I am sorry that Mrs Budd has not made you her usual present of gloves yet, for want of time and the children sick has prevented her from making the gloves in time to send you by this opportunity. But she will if all keeps well make the gloves and send them by Les Perance[?] in August, together with my invoices for next year.

I have herewith sent my watch to be repaired; the same watch that Bought from Mt. Roberts. If you please to send it to Mr. Clouston, to get it repaired in time to send it back to one by the fall opportunity you would do me the greatest favour.

I have received your favour dated June 11th as well as the supplies which the Boat has brought to the Grand Rapids.

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And I can assure you that I feel very thankful to you, for the pains that you take, as well as the trouble in procuring all these things for one. I expect all the things are brought safe and in good order, though I have no time here to open anything to see. And I hope all the things are [come?] which are in the list.

When I send you my Invoice for next year it will be accompanied with an order from Mr. Hunter, if he does not send you that order now, by this opportunity.

I see there is 3~7~5 [?] in my favour, without the freight, I expect that, that will be little enough to pay for the freight; though I have come down myself this far for the things. The offer I have made to pay Peter Brasmus in case he sent me the flour I wanted was one to help him; but if he prefers given(sic) it to the company rather than to me, he must go to the company for his money.

Let this now suffice my good Sir, as I have little time for writing at present. With my best wishes for your temporal and spiritual welfare, and that you may [?] be continued to be a blessing to my countrymen —

I remain Dear Rev'd Sir,
Your most humble servant

Henry Budd