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January 29th/52

Parsonage
Middle Church
Red River
Rupert's Land

My Dear Sir

Many thanks for the Newspapers and also for your very kind letters giving me full information of your route to New York. I felt truly thankful to find you got on so well and also to find that you met with friends on your journey. I hope the good hand of our God has conducted you to our native land in health and safety. What an agreeable change you must have found it. This is certainly a very trying country in every sense of the word, "You endured [?] us a good Soldier of June [?] for upwards of twelve years. I trust the remainder of your earthly pilgrimage will be that of rest and peace. I felt very glad that the rev'd Mr. Cockran [bore?] such a testimony to your industry and real at the Indian settlement. We are all about the same as when you left except the Presbyterian movement. This I am not sorry for as I trust we meet now with our heart and our mind, I do not perceive any difference in my morning congregation. I have lost about four communicants, but that number has even more than made up since. There has been much bad feeling on the part of the opposite party, but it is cooling down now. The same feeling continues with regard to [Adam Thom?] and others. This is a very sad state for [?] to be in. I believe Mr. Cochran is making ready for building

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a new church at the Indian Settlement. I have not been to that place since I had the pleasure of seeing you there. I suppose you have seen the James's ere this? We have not heard from them yet. I must not say. How thankful we shall be to hear from you when you have an opportunity of sending. I have no news to tell you, our friends are all well the Blacks are well, they are to have a dinner party tomorrow at the Fort in honour of Dr. Rae by whom I shall send this. Mrs. Chapman with baby and myself are well. Mrs C sends her [?] regards to you and hopes you are well and happy.

You will excuse this short epistle. I felt anxious to send by this opportunity. The cold has been very intense the [?] as low as 44 below here.

Believe me my dear sir,

Your's Faithfully

John Chapman

P.S. Mr. Hurt has a Son born on the last day of September. They are all well.

The Rev'd John Smithurst

The care of the Mr. Smith

Secretary of the Hudsons Bay Company London.