

Cumberland Station  
River du Pas June 28<sup>th</sup> 1844

Dear and Reverend Sir,

Enclosed with this you will find

No 1

a list of supplies for the use of the Church Missionary School at River du Pas. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1843.

No 2

A list of supplies to give in exchange for provisions, work, or to such of the parents as supply a boy with a suit of leather Cloathes. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1843.

No 3

An account of Articles given out in exchange for provisions only, for the use of the School. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1843.

No 4

An account of Articles given out for work only, for the use of the Mission of River du Pas July 10<sup>th</sup> 1843

No 5

An account of cloathing given out to each School Child, at the School of Rivier du Pas July 10<sup>th</sup> 1843.

No 6

An account of articles given out for the fall fishing, for the support of the School Octr 5<sup>th</sup> 1843.

You will find the Book No 1 has not been b[a]lanced, on account of not having the prices of the articles therein contained.

And you will perceive by the Book No 3, how very little provisions has been put into our store, by the Indians: in the course of one whole year, to be a help with what we got from you: this will make it obvious of the truth of what I was stating in my letters to you some time ago.

You will also find that in the Book of No 4 there is a blank on the Creditor's side, on the Account of John Turnor Sen. because I had not any thing that would please him,

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for he wants a capot for the 7 Skins I owe him, & make up the deficiency by working for it again: therefore I must defer his payment by waiting till our supplies come. And in the case of John Turnor Jun. you there see another blank, & that on the same account as the former.

Young Charles Cook, through his foolishness, got tired & dissatisfied working here, went off and left us, on the 5<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> last, without giving notice of his intentions; I cannot to this day tell, why he has served

so; for I am sure I never did give him any provocation whatsoever. However he has left us (scribble) both him and his brother James, manifesting the greatest impudence, not regarding my entreaties, nor yet his agreement (with) you for the year. I think it would be but doing justice to make him to lose all, indeed he might think we deal very mildly with him, when we have allowed him to go off in the manner he did, without making a publick example of him to all the people. I cannot give him the least of any thing that is coming for him, from you, until I learn from you what I am to do with him. His brother James had engaged three Months at the fall fishing at 8 SK [skins] a Month. it is true he served his time out there; but as he has been so impudent, & had a good hand if not the chief hand in their waywardness, I have determined not to look f(?) more after him.

I could give you many examples of their stubbornness & impudence, had not I an inveterate dislike to talk much of people's characters.

I have been under the necessity of engaging John Turnor Jun. in the room of Charles Cook, for four Months, at the rate of ten Skins a Month, his time commenced on the 12 February/44 and ceased on the 12<sup>th</sup> June last, he has to get 40 Skins worth when the goods come, the while that Charles Cook was here, he was employed chiefly in fishing, cutting and hauling fire-wood but John Turnor Jun. was employed fishing, cutting fire-wood,

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getting wood and squaring Timber for a house of 20 feet by 16, according to your instructions some time ago. he has also got home some wood for a stable, about 18 feet by 14. he has put our fence out to the main woods, & grubbed a good piece of ground, with our assistance he has put our seed in the ground, which is promising and he was employed in putting up a board petition in my dwelling house, and lofting the same end too, we made it quite snug thinking you would come occupying it for a while.

I have with joy received your hand write a few days ago, stating that we are to have by (D.P.) The Rev<sup>d</sup> James Hunter in the fall, as our resident Minister, of which I am very happy indeed, and so is all the Indians too: but still we would have been much more happier if you had come notwithstanding. We have in our own family a little child, born in Octr. last, it is a sickly little thing, both M<sup>rs</sup> Budd & myself we are much distressed on account of not being able to (missing) her baptized; and with regard to the Indians themselves, it gives me pain to see them so anxiously waiting for you they have all been here waiting for nearly two Months; but since we got the news that you was not coming, the greatest part of them have gone away this week.

The chief was wanting very much to see you, as you will see in his letter to you, he is gone to Norway House in the Company's boats, & very probably to York Factory.

M<sup>rs</sup> Budd sends you with her kind regards & highest respects two Pair Gloves, one pair shoes, & a deer Skin, one that she got from my Sister at Norway House. she desires me to mention that she is very sorry she has not made your gloves so neat as she would; her little child has been unwell these two weeks past, that she could not do your gloves neatly, or make you any more shoes.

With best wishes for your health, & prosperity wherein Mrs B. and my Mother cordially joins. — I am Dear Sir Your hum. servt

Henry Budd

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P.S. Charles Thomas is off again for R.R. what errands he can have to induce him to go there again, though he was there last year I cannot tell; but he has house-wood lying here this two Years spoiling, which ought to have been put up last summer, & by his going about wasting his time in the manner he does, there is little likelihood of his putting his house up this summer yet. And W<sup>m</sup> Whitehead is gone off with him too, to pay a visit to his Mother-in-law & to return in the fall. H.B.