

Lower Fort Garry

24<sup>th</sup> April 1848

My Dear Sir

The Bearer has been supplied with the nails mentioned in your favor of this date; and with regard to the provisions, although our stock is not large, I still can promise you the quantity required, at any time within a fortnight hence. -

The water certainly rose to an extraordinary height last week and we had an ample share of it, as you may judge from the fact of its having stood four feet high on the office Walls. But the only material accident arose from the pressure of the ice against the outer Wall of the Distillery into which a breach of about ten feet was made. But we may consider it fortunate that the injury was no greater.

Many thanks for your information about the sinel(?), which I think is now free from all danger at least from ice -

With kindest regards, in which Mrs Black cordially unites

I remain

My Dear Sir

Yours very truly

John Black

The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Smithurst