

Hudson's Bay Hosue

London Janry 31st 1850.

Dear Sir/

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 2nd August, enclosing Bills for £150 & £170 respectively the proceeds of which, together with a sum of £180 to be handed to me by M^r Finlayson, you request me to place with the HB. Company at interest. It would have given me pleasure to have followed your instructions in this matter, but I am unfortunately unable to do so as the indulgence granted by the Company of receiving money at interest, as mentioned to you by Sir George Simpson, is confined to money earned in the service and passed to account in the regular way.

I made an application to the Governor & Committee soon after receiving your letter, offering them the money, but as they had already refused in several others cases they could not accede to it.

Under the circumstances I have passed the two Bills to your account with me & I shall hold the cash until you give me some other instructions (as) regards its disposal, ~~tho~~ but you may be assured that it will be put out to the best advantage compatible with security.

The value of money is now very low, as you will see by the papers, & the funds have in consequence advanced very rapidly within the last twelve months: the 3£E^t Consols are today 90./8 to ./4 (?) dividend.

I feel obliged by what you say respecting Mr Henry Cook, I received an order for goods & a remittance from

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him by the Winter Packet. The Dividends on the funded property belonging to the Estate of his late Father have nearly liquidated my claim.

With best wishes believe me

Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

W.G. Smith

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3 April 1850. Your letter of the 29th Nov^r covering papers connected with the affairs of the late Joseph Cook has just come to hand but as the Spring Packet leaves tomorrow I have only time to notify its arrival.