

Norway house
September 15, 1849

My Dear sir,

With much pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th [?], and was much pleased to hear that you continue at the Indian settlement at least for another year.

His Lordship [Bishop of Prince Rupert's Land] and party arrived here on the morning of the 23rd [intact?], in perfect health and safety and much delighted with all he had seen and heard both at York Factory and in his way inland — I read prayers on Monday evening and his lordship delivered a very excellent and appropriate [discourse?] , which was listened to with great attention by all present. Yesterday afternoon we all [incited?] Mr M?'s establishment, and the Bishop examined the school children, heard the [sing for them?], and was much pleased with his visit — if possible he will leave here today but the weather at present is unfavourable for his doing so — I am much pleased with his lordship, he appears full of zeal and love, anxious to promote the best interests of all with whom he may be shown in contact, we have much cause for thankfulness that such a good man is appointed as the Bishop of Prince Rupert's Lands —

But I must harken to entice a few little matters of business; as Mr. Hunt passes the winter at Red River, and the ship has not arrived with the pemican you proposed sending out; I shall require the 5 [?] of flour you have so Kindly sent out for Mr. Hunt, [as?] also the pemican for any work people this winter, and shall apply it to that purpose — The Ham, Butter, and cheese I will keep for my own use, but am sorry now as matter shave turned out, to have deprived you of the hams. I told Mr. hunt that I would take the provisions and pay for them, to which arrangement he readily assented — Mr. James can charge the Bag of Pemican he sent to my account — the 3 [?] stove is here. I am glad it is [flat?], and shall now take it with me, as my people will be working inside the church the whole winter,
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and will require the stove.

Mr. Mowat's charge of 3p. [per piece?] from Red River to Norway House is too high, Mr. Ross and Mr. Mason think that 2p. Per piece is a fair price, I am quite willing to pay a fair price, but mr. Mowat ought to have given notice of his intention to increase the price of freight from Red River to Norway house — I hope therefore he will return 1/3rd of of the 10[?] you paid him and be pleased to pay him only 2p. Per piece for the goods he brought out to Norway house this fall amounting to I believe 17 pieces — in the box of glass Mr. Mowat brought up for the church windows, there were 70 panes broken, nearly one half, it was done by his people as mr. Budd told Mr. Mowat on his arrival at Norway House, that in moving the box of glass, they could hear that a great number of them had been broken — as I fear I shall not now have enough glass to finish the church, I hope if Mr. Mowat has any, he will send me some next summer to replace those broken by his men without charging the Mission for the same, especially since they are intended for the church — Mr. Rob't McBeath will freight for me in future — Enclosed I send you a list of the provisions which I shall be glad if you can send me next summer — In case you cannot make up the quantity ordered — perhaps Mr. McBeath will be able to do so as [?] is a very important article at my station; I hope the good people at red river will also be able to send me a donation of flour — I have sent in eleven empty bags for you by Mr. McBeath's boats - Mr. McBeath's boats have brought me up 20 pieces from York Factory for which I have sent him and order for £16. — be pleased to send me an estimate of my account with the Company and yourself at Red River by the winter packet, and I will need drafts in England for the [?] — Lettie and Budd [?] don't require their usual of flour for which I hope you will be able to [furnish?]

The Bishop and Mr. Hunt come out to Cumberland and Lac La Range

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next year in two boats, and Mr. Hunt will then take charge of his station. — settled in now at the Pas, and I shall send him back immediately on my return — you will learn from his lordship and Mr Hunt what arrangements have been made, as I am very [?] at [?] packing my things to be off, I have now been absent from dear Mr. Hunter nearly 5 weeks and have the prospect of

being nearly 2 weeks more from home. I heard however from home yesterday and I'm happy to say that Mrs. H is as well as can be expected after hearing of the loss of poor Mrs. Christie — [?] Clouston goes home this year by the ship, as his health is quite shattered —

Mrs. Hunter writes that the work people are getting on nicely with the Church since I have been off, the spire is now erected in all about 64 feet high — the Bishop is anxious to have it completed, and promises to send me another carpenter — he has given me £50 towards the Church and £50 towards a new school soon - More "Babels" for our friend Cockeran [?] and [storm?] against — I should have some anxiety about Mr. Cockeran's statements to the Bishop, but his lordship is a man of quick perceptions, and I think will at once see through Mr. Cochran and all his motives — However in the hands of yourself and Mr. James, I feel I am safe ; although I am absent and unable personally to answer any [?] statements Mr. Cochran may make either with reference to my mission or myself. —

I think I have informed every thing of importance that I was [desirous?] of communicating to you — Poor Mr. Ross and Family desire their kind respects and regards to you, and with my kindest regards, in which [?] here kinder words unite of present,

I remain

in great haste, my dear sir,

Most sincerely your's

James Hunter