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A.M. Jarvis to Sam Steele

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[Pelly PO]
Yukon Territory
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My dear Mrs Steele

I have your kind letter of the 9th March & by the same mail I got the childrens [sic] photograph which I prize very much. I left for Dawson directly after I got yours and remained there until the last stage hence my dely [sic] in not answering before. The first mail

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Boat is expected up to day seven boats having gone down on the 18th. I met Mrs. AEC Macdonell in Dawson she has changed very much in looks very much thiner [sic] than she used to be, and appears to be a great favorite with everybody. She has a very fine baby. Mrs. [Starns] has got very much stouter since I last saw her three years ago. Dawson ~~has~~ has very much improved. The buildings are all more substantial looking. I got there just in time to give [Evidence] on a Case. 54 below [Bonanza], some [laymen] jumped 80 feet of the best part of our ground. The Case was not finished but

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When I got back I got telegram from Inspt Cosby saying we had won our Case but that it had been appealed so don't know yet how it will come out. I met hundreds of people and they were all asking after the Col. & of course I put it on. I think the Government see their mistake in removing him, but all things are for the best.

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I see Sir Wilfred's Pension Bill has passed the House, so the Col. is now entitled to his pension and as he served, or was serving in the Yukon when

he went out his pension should be on the basis of the Yukon pay and allowances. The latter should be as much, if not more than

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the pay, but you will have to get some one [sic] who understands this matter to insist on everything that is coming to him being granted. The Col. owes them nothing, he has spent the best part of his life serving their (as every body [sic] knows) faithfully. I am going to try my self [sic] to get out of it if they will me enough to live on. There is nothing to look forward to in the forces

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forces [sic] and one might just as well get out. My brother Tom of New York was in London in March & he called on Lord Strathcona. The old Gent said "I have in view additional honours for Major Jarvis" I cannot make out why they should give me anything more and who has suggested it, unless it is the Col. I am sure I have got more now

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than I ever dreamed of getting. I see by the Macleod Gazette that Mrs. Jack is on her way in again to take Command of Society.

I must send this in to be posted as I am expecting every minute to hear the boat whistle. With kind regards & love to the dear old fly [bottle] girls & Dubbie.

Believe me

Yours Very Truly

AM Jarvis

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