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Lachine 30th April 1847

My Dear Sir,

Both your esteemed letters of the 28th Aug: and 9th Jany have been received at different dates, and we were happy to hear that although you were surrounded by disease and death, you enjoyed uninterrupted health, up to the date of your last letter, and it was satisfactory to learn that, health and order was re-established in the Settlement –

As our last winter's Express was forwarded by mail to the Sault de St. Marie, I could not send you the seed wheat which you wanted, but I have purchased 8 Bushels of Black Sea wheat in Montreal, which, will be forwarded by the loaded Canoes to Fort Alexander, and of wheat, should it reach the Settlement in time, to be sown this spring, you will, I have no doubt, be able to get some ~~of it~~ from Mr Chester. – The Albion Gallery was forwarded hence by the spring canoes of 1845– that is, one or two plates, I forget which, for each of the subscribers, in the North– what became of them afterwards I know not, – but, certain it is, that, they were forwarded in a parcel, on which was marked the names of the Gentlemen for whom they were intended–

A similar parcel is now forwarded containing

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one plate of "Sir Walter Scott in his Study" – for each of the subscribers to the Albion – among them is one for you, which you will, I hope, receive– There is also a parcel forwarded to your address containing the Hule, the medicines and the seeds which you wanted, but a copy of the American Edition of the London Quarterly Review, could not now be found in this Province, as they are considered as Contraband goods – and the Montreal Booksellers, owing to the very heavy charge of portage, on the London and Edinburgh periodicals, do not import them to this country – your wisest plan will, therefore be, to have them sent to you by the Bay Ships –

The cost of the articles now forwarded as per the enclosed statement is, 18/0? Halifax cury, which has been charged to the Northern Department, where I have no doubt, it will be charged to your acc^t. –

Mr. Cockran passed the last winter at Toronto and has, since his arrival at that place, lost his son – John – Both his daughters were ill too, but they have happily recovered– He has some thought of returning to the Settlement, or at least to Ruperts Land, but I understand unconnected both with the HBCo. & the Church Missionary Society – His health, he says is much improved, and on the whole the visit to this country will do him much good-

I must refer you to your

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other correspondents for all our Political News, which by the way does not possess much interest- and with our united Kind Regards

I am, My Dear Sir

Yours very sincerely

Dun: Finlayson