

Revier du Pas 30th Dec^r 1842

Dear Rev^d Sir/.

Yours of the 10th Augt last I received by the fall Boat from Mr. H. McKenzie, and was happy to learn thereby that you arrived at R. R. in health and safety.

I have also received the full amount of the Articles that you sent, and it was a good thing that you sent them, they were very acceptable.

As it respects purchasing leather clothes for the Indian children, I think that your plan which you proposed might perhaps succeed well enough, providing we could get enough to serve at least the Boys; since I have been here, I question if the Indians has ~~ever~~ killed enough Moose & Deer (in one year) sufficient for their own use, and some to spare to us, the Moose are not any where near here, and when they go a hunting they generally get very few more leather skins, than they need themselves, we might get leather cloaths to serve some of the children; but I think it not an easy matter to get what we would require, the prices you mention are I think quite fair, I have been talking to the Indians

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respecting the prices you mentioned, & they said it was quite fair - 2 skins for a small suit, 3 skins for a middle size, & 4 skins for the largest Boys.

The two yards olive cloth that you sent, was also found very acceptable, as I would have been badly of for Trowsers before next year.

Receive our warmest thanks for the tea, and the books you sent us. And also for the little seeds, which we found very useful here; and the parcels of seeds for Mons Constant, he has received safe.

I have endeavoured the best way I could, to give your kind regards to all the people here, & they in return wishes to send their kind respects to you, and they say that they will endeavour through God's grace to obtain instructions from the word of God, and will be in dependance upon the Divine assistance, to enable them to act according to what it teaches.

We have so far pass'd the winter with tolerable comfort, & most all the Indians that you

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saw here are, or have been, very study all a long, we have had three deaths, since you left, one of them is a Brother in law of mine, married to my sister, he belonged to Norway house, he died very suddenly, had the misfortune of cutting his foot with an axe, not far from our house, & having overforced himself trying to get to our house, had lost so much blood that he fainted and died the same night, without getting to our house at

all; this happened on that night of the 24th Novem^r last. it is Betsy Budd's Father, Adam Kenidy's Wife. The other two were always about Constants place, one old Woman, & a young girl about 15 years of age, we have not got her name in our books, she was always sickly ever since I saw her first. The School children have been very ill at times, but they always got better, I am greatly at a loss what to do with these children when they turn ill, having nothing of any kind to give them, but Salts, and salts we find very useful here, not only for the children but for the old people also. Mrs. Budd & my Mother unites with me, in wishing that the Almighty may bless your work of faith, & labour of love

& I remain - Dear Sir - your humt. Sevt. H F.(?) Budd