

Private

Norway House 17 Augt 1850

My Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 8<sup>th</sup> reached me two days ago, and the wind being fair for the sailing of the vessel, I now, can do little more than acknowledge its receipt - such indeed is generally the case with me during the Summer season.-

I thank you very much for the perusal of your letter to M<sup>r</sup> Hunter; the things which it relates are greatly to be deplored, and the evils which they have stirred up, are I fear only yet in their infancy - for my own part, I candidly confess that after all I have read

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read and heard on these subjects, I do not feel competent to remark on them in detail - and even were it otherwise I have no disposition to meddle with such a tangled skein - nor do I believe that any (possible) good could arise from any comments of mine thereon.-

Since I had the pleasure of writing to you last, things have gone on with us much in the usual way - our Gardens looked very promising and still do so but heavy rain have prevailed for some time past, and seem likely to do them injury - we heard from the Pas as late as the 6<sup>th</sup> all were still well there.-

I remain

My Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Don Ross

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