

Montreal 9<sup>th</sup> August 1798

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lyburner Crawford

Gent<sup>l</sup>,

Your favor of the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>l</sup> we duly received, we have not yet received the Eight pipes of Gayal Wine you shipped to M<sup>r</sup> Catote as soon as we are in Cash for the same, shall pay it as you desired

We are respectfully,

Gent<sup>l</sup>

Your very Obedt<sup>l</sup>  
Grant Laframboise

Montreal 9<sup>th</sup> August 1798

Mons<sup>r</sup> Augustin Chateau

Mons<sup>rs</sup> et Amie,

J'ai reçu l'honneur de vos deux Lettres en date du 18 May, ainsi que la Facture des piliteries que vous en la bonté de m'adresser, Il n'y a encore que quatorze paquets d'arriver ici, aussitot que les autres arriveront, soyez persuadé que Je ferai mon possible d'entretenir le meilleur partis & de suivre vos vobontés. à legard des differents payemens, J'en ai pas encore reçu le montant de l'argent que M<sup>r</sup> Lacroix a déboursé pour vos hommes ainsi que pour les articles qu'il vous a envoyé. En cas que vous envoyez quelque piliteries la semaine prochaine à mon adresse, M<sup>r</sup> Lacroix aura soin de les faire parvenir. Soyez persuadé que Je ferai mon possible en toute occasion de

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Combien Je suis attaché à votre Maison.

Je suis bien mortifié que vous n'avez rien  
retiré de Duquet. Je vous prie de faire votre  
possible auprès de lui, car c'est un homme qui  
ma trompé, aussi bien d'astre dans les Pays  
d'en haut.

Je vous prie de faire agréer  
mes compliments à Mad. Motteux & votre  
aimable Commandant, de la Vallée L.

Je crois envoyé de bon printemps à Michellin,  
un fauoté chargé de l'archandises Francoise et  
quelques pièces de l'archandises de Trade si je puis  
les trouver: Je suis bien mortifié que tout  
vos ptilenies ne sont pas encore arrivé ici, au moins  
J'aurois eu plaisir de vous donner la satisfaction  
de savoir le tout tant.

Je suis très finièrement,

Mons.

Votre très Obéissant  
St. William Grant

Abner Prior  
Capt. M. S. R. G.

Montreal le 10<sup>e</sup> August 1798

Sir, Our Mr. W. Grant was duly favour'd  
with your much esteem'd letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>,  
Inclosing a memor. for sundry articles, which we  
have complicated as nearly as possibly can, except the  
3 Keys Oys. & Anchovies that could not be procured.

Inclosed you will receive the Invoice, amount  
£ 15. 12. 8 by, at your debit.

We have sent you by Mr. W. Murray, sundry  
News papers. Wishing the Goods safe to hand and any  
thing further is wanting, your commands will be duly  
attended to by Sir Your very Obedt<sup>o</sup>  
St. W. Grant

ed, no dou  
not altogether.

Montreal 24<sup>me</sup> Sept. 1798

Mons<sup>r</sup>. Augustin Chouteau

Mons<sup>r</sup>. & Ami,

J'ai reçu l'honneur de  
vos Lettres du 18 et la dernière, avec Facture de 40  
paquets peliteries. J'ai reçu que 39 paquets.  
Il y a un paquet de peau d'Ours qui est en chemin  
comme ils sont été envoyés par la voie du Détroit,  
Je crains fort que cette paquet sera écarté mais  
soyez persuadés que Je ferai mon possible pour  
le trouver. Les autres 39 paquets sont vendus,  
pour 18000<sup>rs</sup>. Aussitôt que J'ai reçu de Mess<sup>rs</sup>.  
Lacroix & Co le compte des Gages des hommes, & du  
Sucre &c. Je vous enverrai votre Compte Courant  
mais vous le recevrez le printemps prochain.

Mon Beau-frère M<sup>r</sup>. Claude Laframboise, qui  
est mon associé, se propose de monter à Michellim  
le printemps prochain, avec deux Canotés de  
Marchandises, si encas qu'il y aura quelques  
articles Il s'arrangera avec vous. Si vous  
m'envoyez des peliteries le printemps prochain  
soyez persuadés que Je ferai mon possible  
pour les vendre. Ayez la bonté de présenter  
mes respects à Mad<sup>e</sup>. Chouteau, & envoyez  
moy avec tout les respects possible,

Mons<sup>r</sup>.

Votre très humble &  
très obéissant Serv<sup>r</sup>.

Signé William Grant

P.S.

Encasque vous n'adressez pas des Paquets le printemps  
prochain, Je vous ferai obligé de les adresser aux  
Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Lacroix & Co, à Mich<sup>e</sup>. encas que mon  
frère arrive trop tard.

M<sup>r</sup> Isidore Lacroix Montreal 24<sup>e</sup> Sept. 1798

Mons<sup>r</sup>,

Depuis ma dernière du 10<sup>e</sup> Août  
J'ai reçu l'honneur de vos deux Lettres du 13<sup>e</sup>  
18<sup>e</sup> d'Aoust & 4<sup>e</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. J'ai à cette heure  
à vous informer que les peliteries que vous aviez  
adressées à P. G. & C, sont vendues, le Compte de  
Paris, Je vous l'envoierai le printemps prochain.

J'ai payé en Argent à P. G. & C. L. 2533. 5. 8 Coures  
d'Halifax. Vous observer que J'ai été obligé  
de racheter plusieurs Lots de vos peliteries, le  
prix étant si bas, J'ai préféré de les envoyer à  
Londres pour votre Compte. Je les ai estimés  
à 15000<sup>rs</sup>. Les paquets marqués R. L. montent  
L. 95. 16. & 66 oursous qui sont invendus, n'étant  
point possible de les envoyer à Londres, étant  
si mauvaise. Vos peliteries envoyés à James  
Robertson & C. seront vendus ci sair.

Vous travailler très mal, lorsque vous  
envoyés des peliteries à Montreal, vous devriez  
donner ordre de les vendre aussitôt arrivé, car  
tous les Negociants emploient leurs Argens  
de bonheur.

Je vous prie d'observer que J'ai établis  
une Maison à Montreal, & J'ai pris mon  
Beaufrère Claude Laframboise en Société, & quand  
vous envoyez des Peliteries, Je vous prie  
de les adresser à notre Maison, & nous payerons  
le produit suivant vos Ordres.

Je suis bien mortifié que Je n'ai point

Quebec 27<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1798

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Pickwood & Daniell

Gents,

Inclosed we send you a Bill for £80-  
4s, drawn at 90 days sight, by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lymburner &  
Crawford, on Caleb Blanchard, which place to the credit  
of Grant & Laframboise is when paid. We will be much  
obliged to let us know from time to time the prices  
of Furs, Potash & other produce of this Country.

We remain respectfully

1<sup>st</sup> of the Ship Andromeda  
2<sup>d</sup> of the Corvette

Gent.

Your most  
Signed M<sup>r</sup> Grant & Co

Mr Thomas Grant

Montreal 22<sup>d</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1798

Sir

Our M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Grant at Three  
Rivers informd us that you wanted to purchase a  
quantity of white peas, we have taken the Liberty  
to send you by the Courier, a sample of some  
that one of our customers has for sale say about  
350 Minots, he asks 3<sup>h</sup> s<sup>rs</sup>. (not payable) per  
of Jan<sup>r</sup> next, if the Pease suits you please  
let us know by return of post, and whether you  
will purchase more. In the mean time

We remain respectfully

Sir Your most Obed<sup>t</sup>

Signed Grant & Laframboise

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Mr. James White Montreal 17<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1798

Dear Sir

I am favoured with yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant by Laframboise & Includ I thank you Invoice & bill of Lading for a Punchon Jamaica peaches & one bag Pepper amount £ <sup>Currency</sup> which you will oblige me, by sending the amount by the Courier, as I want money here. I took particular care to choose you a good Punchon, & hope it will merit your approbation. I have not any state cottoned cloth nor is there any in town. I am sorry you have not sent me the Blankets & Rufus shooting by your man who came up without a single bundle in his stay. Your father & sister are well, I send you a small bundle Candy sugar.

I remain Very Truly  
Yours sincerely  
Signed C. Laframboise

Montreal 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1799  
Messrs Bickwood, & Danell

Gent<sup>l</sup>, Our last to you was of the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> last since which we have been favoured with your much esteemed letter respecting favour of the 7<sup>th</sup> Septemb<sup>r</sup> last, the contents whereof we duly observe.

Having received the goods you shipped for us by the Betsey, A Patterson, Master, we have carried to your credit the amount of your two Invoices,  
say one amount of £ 476. 14. 8  
do " " " 759. 1. 0

making together £ 1230. 15. 8 Stg, I have debited you £ 33. amount of brawback on Snuff.

Messrs. Williams Grant & Co

Montreal 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1799

Gent<sup>l</sup>

Enclosed we hand you Invoice  
& Bill of Lading for a small parcel sent  
you of the Carter amounting to £25 15 11  
at your Debit in Barter

The two Purchases of West India  
Spices will be forwarded by the return of your  
Ship, I have not yet been able to procure the best  
Tobacco, that will answer the Trade of 3 Rivers  
but hope in a few days shall ~~be~~ be able to forward  
two or three Casks of best port Wine it will cost  
1/8 of a Gallon

Please pay the bearer 5/- for the Carriage

In case the Bearer  
does not deliver the  
Bale in good Order  
do not pay him

I remain

Gent<sup>l</sup>

Yours &c

J. G. Laframboise

Mr. Suction Grant

Sir,

As this is the season the  
Farmers generally sell their Wheat. If you  
cannot get it at  $3\frac{1}{4}$  a  $3\frac{1}{9}$  p<sup>r</sup> Bushel, we think  
for your interest, you had better to take all the  
Wheat from those that owes you, at the current  
price the ensuing Spring. It is now selling here  
from  $3\frac{1}{9}$  a  $4\frac{1}{4}$

Please send us a Sketch from your  
Books, your account Current with Mr. Grant & Co.  
We remain very truly

a Copy sent to Mr. Paillet

J. G. Laframboise

Mr Thomas Place

Montreal 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1799

Dear Sir,

We had the pleasure of writing you the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant, I now we beg leave to hand you inclosed a Account Sales for a part of your Woolens consigned us last Summer, also your Account Current, Balance on your favor £81.11.8.

You will please to observe our half your Woolens is payable 1<sup>st</sup> June & the other half 1<sup>st</sup> July.

We wished we could have been able to have sold your Woolens at a shorter credit, but Sales are so dull that no retailers would buy under 90<sup>th</sup> days credit & we trust what we have done will merit your approbation.

Mr. Mielbayer called on us a few days ago with an acct against you, which we will be glad to know from you if we will pay him.

We remain with much esteem

Dear Sir,

Yours

Grant & Sutherland

A CHAPEL OF EASE.—A  
neighbourhood of Holmfield  
the Established Church, out  
sat a considerable time, and  
which appeared to ascend  
the door, the dog-whipper  
cumb aght sa sooin for?  
all awry like a screw-jack,  
a ease, but it's nowt at soot  
as niver poor fellow had  
Guardian.

Montreal 15<sup>th</sup> April 1799

John Young Esq

Sir

We will be much Obliged  
 by Return of Post to let us know if you have  
 any Distillery or West India Rum to dispose  
 and the price for Barley to be delivered in the  
 fall, and the price you would allow us  
 for the Barley, if we can agree we shall  
 take up Frenchs Rum Immediately we  
 remain Sir Your most Obedt Servt  
 Grant Lapariboine

Mr John Collins Attil Montreal 15<sup>th</sup> April 1799

Sir,

We received your much esteemed favour  
 of the 5<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, by Mr Symes, & are much obliged  
 to you for the trouble you have taken in forwarding  
 our letters. We now trouble you with a few  
 letters to be forwarded by the first opportunity for  
 England, by different Conveyances, as they Original  
 duplicates. We will thank you to let us know  
 the names of the Ships they go in. If we can  
 be of any Service to you in this Country you  
 may freely command us.

Our best respects waits on Mrs Morris  
 the young Ladies. Our old Servant is  
 now here, who begs you will tell Mr Morris  
 that he has been very much disappointed in  
 not receiving any letters from her, by Post  
 is the safest Conveyance. We remain

Sir, Your Obedt Servt  
 Sir J H

David M. Crae Esq<sup>r</sup>

Montreal 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1799

Dear Sir,

I am favored with yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant, In answer thereto, I have to inform you that we have sold all our Liquors & Groceries.

We have a good assortment of dry Goods, which we think, will answer that Country, Should you be inclined to take any up, we will be glad to know what article you want, & you may depend they are laid in as cheap as any in Town.

Remain truly,

Dear Sir,

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup>  
C. Lapramboise

M<sup>r</sup> John Hunter

11 April 1799

Sir, As we are in great want of money, at present, we will be much obliged to you to pay the Bearer the Fifty & no pence Two Shillings Currency. for the Debt of Carthagen you bought of us last last Summer.

See me

Sir  
Your very Obed<sup>t</sup>  
John Hunter

Nicholas Montour Esq.

Montreal 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1779

Sir,

Our last respects to you was of yesterday by Laoste in answer to your favor of the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant, about Mr. Sutton Grants wheat, at River Batouf, to which we refer. - We have now to hand you a Sketch of your Account Current with William Grant & Co. made up to the 5<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>a</sup>, by which it appears you will owe them a Balance of £41. 17. 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Currency which if you find the same right, we will thank you to remit us the amount or a draft on Quebec will answer our purpose. There is £1 10 10<sup>0</sup> in your account for sundry Goods, which they will forward you the acc<sup>t</sup> of Particulars

We are respectfully

Your most Obedt<sup>o</sup>  
Grant & Hapambour

Woodslands.

Mr. Thomas Place

Montreal 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1779

Sir,

We have yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>a</sup>, I have this day wrote to Mr. John Jones, Master, to pay you if he is in Cash for our <sup>of</sup> £50. - As soon as we are in Cash for the balance of your Woolens, it will be paid to you. We have Mullbeger's acc<sup>t</sup> against you

£3. 1. 6, we are Sir,

Your most Obedt<sup>o</sup>  
G & Co

28 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barris & Woodbey

Montreal le May 1799

Gent<sup>ls</sup>,

Aussi nous vous envoie David booids  
draft at ten days sight, on yourselves p<sup>r</sup> £25  
Currency, which you will please pass to the credit  
of William Grant & Co, of St. Louis,  
Mcrican.

Gent<sup>ls</sup>

Yours most obedient<sup>ly</sup>  
Grant & Suprambois

Monsieur Estache Beaubien

Montreal 24<sup>me</sup> Mai 1799

Monsieur

Après les paiements Conside

rable a faire ces Jours icy Nous prenons la liberte  
de vous prier de nous envoyer la Ballance  
de votre Compte avec Nous qui obligera  
infiniment Ceux qui a l'honneur de le

Monsieur

Vos tres humblement  
G. d. L.

Madame

Montreal 23<sup>me</sup> Mai 1799

Je suis bien mortifie de vous deman der en core

un fois de reprendre votre maison comme Monsieur Lafranco

u soui un autre sur la reponse que vous en y donnee

Monsieur. Je suis cette hyvier. Mais je suis pret a vous rendre

votre maison demeur et pour dedomagement je vous

paierai le premier Jour de Juillet prochain 600..

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whom you sold the Beer has turn'd out very bad he  
has left his house w<sup>o</sup>ld the Beer at a loss and I  
am afraid will never pay I have been to him two  
or three times he gives fine promises but I hear he is  
going up the Country I deliver'd to day to Mr  
Dukis for account of Miss Pisserville a Bundle of  
307 <sup>to</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>post</sup> which he says was to have been sent  
some time ago — Mr Shaw desires me to mention  
that he was last Friday at Boucherville where he  
came to a settlement with Curdin he gave him up  
his Mortgage and has got a deed of Sale for that to  
us also an obligation sign'd by Curdin & his Wife  
for 2400<sup>l</sup> 800 <sup>l</sup> was pay'd next full and 800 <sup>l</sup> was  
each ensuing full — Recollecting nothing further  
of moment to mention I am with respect

Yr  
Lia J G

Montreal June 6<sup>th</sup> 1799

Yr

I w<sup>o</sup>ld have mention'd Madame Dufy who is perfectly satis-  
fied with your Letter I enclose you have Bill Lading  
of two Kegs Snuff bought of Meloni as you desire  
by Mr Brunson of 97<sup>l</sup> 15<sup>l</sup> we could not get it cheaper  
you will find that the freight is rather high but I was  
the only opportunity here and as the Captain is oblig'd  
to stop only to deliver them and no prospect of another  
opportunity for some time there being no Vessels here  
I thought it best to send them — Hagg with some being  
small he cannot be stop'd and is leaving this to day  
I have not money to pay his Lodgings he owes Alon  
Gault upwards of 100<sup>l</sup> for which he has been  
oblig'd to take his note — I believe he has some land

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at Glasgow which should be settle there he on my  
pay - Mr. Leitch has not been able to procure  
a Draft and there is very little appearance from  
his discourse of ever paying much money this Week -

I have taken of Mr. Shuter in payment a Bill  
of Exchange for £40 44s a thirty days sight drawn  
by Capt Linnay on his father Colobell Linnay of London  
and indorsed by him. I hesitated a tation at but Mr.  
Shuter assures me that Capt Linnay showed him a  
Letter from his father authorizing him to draw for that  
sum and as it was out of his power to give any  
money I thought it best to take it you will please  
mention as it is indorsed to order of the house whether  
I am to forward it to you or keep it till you come up -  
With respect to money it is almost impossible to  
collect any every body's answer is they have it none

I have delivered Mr. James on the Currier he would  
give him had the other but he thinks it too dear  
if when you arrive you make only fifty £ was difference  
between the two he will take it he wanted to know  
the price of the other I told him I could not tell  
but I supposed about 300<sup>th</sup> which induced him to  
take it - I have delivered Mr. Linnay a letter  
from Mr. Bredwoods & Durick the only one  
received in closing price Curriers of the News  
the average of which is great as there are a very  
few <sup>in the only</sup> Lots that sold very low - by all accounts Buccom  
Sea have done better than expected - Bears & Males  
have done very well some lots of Bears as high as  
£100 - and in general the whole very high, Mr. Huggly

I have received from Mr Le Pothon the bill due on his first Note and the other note he says he will not be able to pay till 15<sup>th</sup> July Mr Stensfield was here on Saturday for Money I putt him off till the end of next week It would appear that the 1<sup>st</sup> June there was £100 due to him as I have £128 in the house I purpose paying him £60 and putt him off till the full for the Remainder I have had no news from Mr Beunben in reply to your Letter nor have I seen any other persons from the Country that are owing

I have not been able to sell the Musquart at the price you bid but I shall do my endeavours

The Elizabeth is not yet arrived I am assured but cargo will come to a poor Market from the large quantity of Crockery and there was a salt is now selling here at the price you bid but in hopes of disposing of a part if possible I am Sir

Wm Grant Esq

Mistral 20<sup>th</sup> June 1799

Sir

I would myself of an opportunity to enquire with the hopes that the present may come to hand to note the average price of Tuns from Gray & Roseman 176 Run 10/ 349 Run 14/7 66 Run 50/ 71 Otter 35/ 96 Otter 24/3 106 Otter 44 Otter 10/ as also the average price of M<sup>rs</sup> 20/

Particulars of Goods & Prices

	Illinois	Lower Mississippi	Upper Do	Detroit
Buccoans	1/7	2/1	2/4	1/8 u 2/1
Beem	29/4	35/4	55/10	36/8
Musquart			5/- 1/4	4/5
Otter		17/6	23/1	22/4
Tenber			4/10	3/6
Muske			3/1	2/6
Brewer		7/9	9/6	9/1

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Which I hope may arrive in time for your Satisfaction  
The Packet is arrived and the Montreal Vessels in which  
are your Goods will be up the first Easterly Wind, being  
nigh hand — Mr Grant is at three Rivers and I expect  
him the latter end of the week here — Flattering myself  
that this will meet you in good health

I remain Sir &c

M<sup>r</sup> C. Leveson

forwarded to New York by M<sup>r</sup> Muelhot

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M<sup>r</sup> Mathew M<sup>r</sup> Nider H<sup>o</sup>

Gentlemen

The Schooner Elizabeth is just  
arrived with the Salt Sea we are sorry to say that there  
has been such quantities of Crockery imported this year  
as to glut the Market in such a manner that nobody  
will buy Cheese of the same quality with yours sells  
for 9<sup>ths</sup> the price are in very bad order and your price  
is by far too high Salt is offered here delivered in  
the purchasers Store for 3/4 the retailers will not  
buy thinking it will be cheaper however you  
may depend on our best endeavours to dispose of all  
the above articles as soon as possible & to the best  
advantage We remain Sir

Montreal 24 June 1799

Montreal 4<sup>th</sup> July 1799

M<sup>r</sup> Pierce  
By yesterday's Post I rec<sup>d</sup> a copy of your letter  
to Mr Grant & at three Rivers, before I can say any thing  
about the Goods I would wish to have a copy of the Invoice  
when I will send you a final answer in the mean time  
find your terms too high I would not give more than 35<sup>cts</sup>  
payable at the period you mention or 30<sup>cts</sup> should I be  
able



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small Craft at this port, We have been obliged to send our  
Goods in Boats, which has expens'd almost as much  
expense, as their Freight from England to which add the  
delay Occasion'd which has given the other Merchants  
who have rec<sup>d</sup> their goods direct, to place them advantageously  
whereas we are obliged to dispose of ours as we can, We hope  
another year not to have Occasion of making such a complaint  
thru the scarcity of specie now in Circulation here and the  
stagnation of Trade we shall perhaps be oblig'd to value  
on you in the Fall for about five or six hundred pounds to  
meet the demands that may come against us at that period  
which if we do well be well pleas'd we flatter ourselves  
that our Bills will meet with due Success, intending to  
reply July to your sundry favours in the Fall we are of  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Breckwood & Danvers

Montreal July 16<sup>th</sup> 1799  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> La Croix & Laframboise  
Mess<sup>rs</sup>

Ayant rec<sup>us</sup> en vente vos Pelletres  
Samedi dernier nous prenons la liberte de vous enclure  
le prix auquel ils ont été vendus. Vous voyez que nous  
avons achety le plus grand nombre de Pelletres lequel nous  
sommes asseurés en baller pour en voyer - Si vous pensez  
que ce sera pour votre interest qu'ils restent pour  
votre compte vous enray le complus un de nous  
le faire dire par le retour de votre Courte cela  
nous étant indifferant attendu que c'estoit pour  
votre interest que nous avons agit en quel en tout  
temps nous aurons yeux de Nous sommes &c



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de vous après le paiement des articles pour l'Est  
Pain. Les en les l'ayant comme ces articles sont  
principalement Argout comptant

Nous flattant que vous seroit satisfait  
de nos soins pour compléter le mémoire  
Monsieur Claude Laframboise. Nous sommes de ce  
côté en son absence Monsieur Alexis Laframboise Michel.

John Blackwood Esq.

Montreal 25 July 1799

Yesterday I received your letter addressed to me  
at Three Rivers and note the contents my Brother has not  
been able to procure any vessel to carry down the Staves  
left by Capt. Bayly. I have acquainted Messrs. Mc Gile  
that they may endeavour to get a Craft there which I  
doubt very much however they are to write by this days  
Post. I have got Guns to the Amount of one Thousand  
pounds on board the Fortuna which must not be shipped  
on board her again should she sail without having any  
Insurance expressly mentioned to sail with Convoy. I will  
be much obliged to you pay attention to this business  
and have the Bales put into some cool place on board of  
the Mother should the Fortuna sail with Convoy of  
course Capt. Bayly will take them on board I am confident  
if the Vessel receives any Damage there is no blame  
to be laid to Capt. Baylys charge, my Brother writes  
me that no man could exert himself than he did  
in getting off the Vessel sailing immediately to save  
the Convoy I am sorry for the damage the Fortuna has  
met with but should she sail without Convoy I cannot  
allow the Guns to go on board after having no Insurance  
but with Convoy

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for money on account of a Law Suit in the Court  
of appeals and I have paid him on a/ of the sum  
£ 3. 10 - ~~to be a debt to our~~  
~~flattering ourselves that you found~~  
Mr Grant & family in good health we remain  
In  
Yours Love

Mr William Grant Montreal 19<sup>th</sup> August

Wherein you have a list of what things  
Mr Brunson wants the different articles rec'd by Philip  
he has taken except the Capsumers which are too high  
Mr Sawyer was here this morning with a list of his  
Feltres of which you have a copy he is to sell again  
with his prices I mentioned we should write about  
them and give him an answer on wednes day, should  
You wish to purchase them you will please let us  
know and the price we are to give, We have rec'd from  
Brunson £ 30 & from Mr Le Prohon £ 12 from Prior  
Nothing he has promised to give us something this  
week having nothing more to mention we are

Montreal 22 Aug<sup>th</sup> 1799

Messrs Stanbridge & Tagg  
Gentlemen

I enclose you will please find Mr  
H. Mountains first of Exchange on Mr William Fortea  
In Att<sup>y</sup> at Norwich for thirty Pounds Sterling and  
 likewise his first of Exchange for twenty five Pounds  
Sterling on Calvert Chapman Esq<sup>r</sup> Duke Street Westminster  
both amounting to fifty five Pounds Sterling which you  
will please when paid to our credit with you - I should  
the

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The Gentlemen on whom they are drawn not wish to  
accept them payable less than thirty days you will  
be so obliging as to grant them that indulgence  
we shall send you a further remittance in a short  
time - We remain

Gentlemen &c

1<sup>st</sup> of Lucy, Greenock

2<sup>d</sup> of Adventure to Liverpool

3<sup>d</sup> of Quebec Capt. Allen for London

M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Lewis

Montreal 3<sup>e</sup> Sept 1799

Mons<sup>rs</sup>

Ci inclus vous recevra  
votre compte courant, Balance en votre  
faveur 1763. 9. 612 courant, nous  
vous serons obligés de nous remettre le montant  
l'en attendant,

vous avons l'honneur d'être

Mons<sup>rs</sup>

Vos très obéissants,

J. L.



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Thomas Coffin Esq<sup>r</sup> Montreal 15 Sept 1799

Dear Sir,

William Grant Esq<sup>r</sup> handed us your much esteemed favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. by which we find you are now casting Pot-ash kettles. We were under the necessity of purchasing some in the Spring, for our Customers, in order not to loose the Season for Pot-Ash making, but should we want any more either this or next year, we shall apply to you.

If you have not settled with any house here to dispose of such articles as you mean to send to this place, for Sal<sup>t</sup>, we will dispose of them, and charge you only 5% Cent Commission, Storage included, and as soon as we receive the Cash, you may either draw on us here, or will Order the money to be paid you at Three Rivers, by W<sup>m</sup> Grant Esq<sup>r</sup>,

We remain very truly

Y<sup>r</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Spear & Co<sup>r</sup> Montreal 19 Sept 1799  
Bristol

We wrote you the 15 April last enclosing James Dunlop's copy on a Duplicate for £1100 Sterling which we have been favored with yours of 6<sup>th</sup> 20 March & 6 May containing Invoice of sundry Goods and Sales of Ant<sup>ient</sup> Cur<sup>rent</sup> to which we will reply by the next ships

We have to request you will cause Insurances to be made on our Account for £500 Sterling

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of Capt: Grants having been guilty of some transac-  
tions that will appear abroad particularly having  
promised the Mill on thirds to a Miller whom  
consequently engaged himself from another place  
Capt: Grants however expects that whoever may get  
the Mill will make good this Engagement with the  
Miller It was the original intention when purchased that  
We should cast Lots who should have the whole We  
Wish to refer to the same Mode finding it not an  
object for three persons & subject to other inconveniences  
particularly as Mr: Gamlin says an other Mill must  
soon be built We flatter ourselves you will have no  
objections to have the property decided by casting Lots  
& that you will give directions to your agent accordingly  
and more particularly as the Mode of payment  
is to be such as was proposed to you & which your  
Agent has of course communicated to you this will  
give all the parties time to look about them say the  
1<sup>st</sup> payment in March next & that time Twelve Month  
or on till completed with Interest the purchaser  
will give accepted Bills on a Merchant of Montreal  
to be approved of by the Sellers payable with Interest  
at the different periods mentioned in the Note made  
out by Mr: Winter Mr: Willm: Grant wishes the  
business settled as soon as possible as he proposes  
raising Money on the Bills should the Day may  
not fall to him, We are

Signed { Capt: Grants }  
{ W: Grant }

38  
M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Place

Montreal, 26 Sept 99

Dear Sir,

Our Claude Laframboise wrote you the 23<sup>rd</sup> Instant, & now we beg leave to send you inclosed, George Larocmans' draft on Coloud Mann, at 26 days sight, p<sup>r</sup> £ 50.. 6.. 0 Currency, which we will be much oblig'd to you to present, for acceptance, and when in Cash, we request you will give the amount to Sequin the Courier, who will bring up with him, or If more convenient to you, to send a draft on Montreal. We are with much esteem,

Dear Sir,

Your most Obedt<sup>l</sup>  
G L

Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Grant & Co<sup>s</sup>

Montreal 30 Sept 99

Gent<sup>l</sup>

We duly received yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst inclosing Bill of Paul, for a sack Brown Cotton, at 9<sup>cts</sup> 29. 11. 0 C<sup>y</sup>, at your Credit, we have now to advise you, that we have sold all the flaxseed, you may have at Three Rivers, by the 10<sup>th</sup> October next, put on board, at 14/6 p<sup>r</sup> cwt, and it will be necessary that you will let us know by Friday's post, the quantity you expect to have

We are

Yours

G L

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Starbridge & Togg Montreal 20<sup>th</sup> October 1799

Gent<sup>l</sup>

We recd you 17<sup>th</sup> July and 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> enclosing four small Bills amounting to £130.17<sup>s</sup> 2 Sterling, and now we have to acknowledge the receipt of your much esteemed letter of 30<sup>th</sup> March covering Invoices of Two Cases Ribbons Shipped by the Denis End Wood Master amounting to £265.13.11<sup>d</sup> which we have transf'd to your Credit and have debited Your Acct<sup>t</sup> £23.10 deduction on the Above Sum

I'm comparing our order sent you last Fall & find You have sent us £40<sup>s</sup> 2 double black Ribbon more than we have orderd and it is too high, We now have the pleasure to enclose you 2 G. Forths dth on Mary Ann South of £60<sup>s</sup> 2 30<sup>d</sup> which when paid you will please transf to our Credit, and to acknowledge the receipt, By the November Ships we will endeavour to send you a larger Remittance

We enclose you our orders as usual for Sundry Goods in your line, and request you will ship them on board of Capt<sup>n</sup> Boyer's Ship, and the Goods that are for three Rivers, the Invoice you will please forward to William Grant. I see

We remain respectfully

Gent<sup>l</sup>

Your Most Obed Serv<sup>ts</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Denis End Wood  
2<sup>nd</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Togg  
3<sup>rd</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Coretta Patterson

J & L

Mr. John Gellenspie Montreal 20<sup>th</sup> October 1799

Sir

Preceding is copy of what William Grant Esq. wrote you 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. we have now the pleasure to hand you Invoiced Parker Genard & Ogilvy's Invoices & Bills of Lading for 2 Bales Deer Skins One Tug Castoreum & 50 Bales Potash shipped in the Ship Desrie Errol Boase Master Capt.

G L	64 a 113	Invoiced	50 Bales Potash	£ 368 <sup>11</sup> 5
	6 a	8 2	Bales Deer Skins	142 <sup>11</sup> 8

Making tog<sup>th</sup> Five Hundred and ten pounds 13/ Sterling, Covered under Insurance made by you on their Account, the Surplus of £500, We take on our Account, The Net proceeds of the above you will please to pay to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Geo. & J<sup>r</sup>. Mack Esq. taking their Receipt for the same Wishing them safe to hand and to a good Market, We remain  
Respectfully

5<sup>th</sup> of Desrie Boase }  
2 of Frigate }  
3 of Ewetta }

Sir Your most Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>  
G. G. L.

Montreal 20 Oct. 1799

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. James Fraser Esq.

Our last to you was 18<sup>th</sup> July last requesting you to cause Insurance to be made on our Acc<sup>t</sup>. for £700 Stysine which have now

Messrs J<sup>r</sup> Leang<sup>o</sup>

Montreal 20 Oct 1799

Gent.

We wish you the 29<sup>th</sup> requesting you will cause Insurance to be effected on our Account for 500 H<sup>rs</sup> since which we have not received any of your favours We now beg leave to hand you Invoices & Bills of Lading for 114 Barrels Potash shipped in the Desire End Boyd, Master Amounting to Invoice WAg<sup>o</sup> £41<sup>..</sup> 11<sup>..</sup>  
" CoL 63<sup>..</sup> 4<sup>..</sup> 11

Making together £104<sup>..</sup> 15<sup>..</sup> 4<sup>..</sup> 11<sup>..</sup> which we hope will come to a good Market we will ship in a few days more Potash to make up the Amount of our Insurance, We have been so disappointed this Year by our Customers, that we are sorry we cannot make you more ample remittances this Fall but as the Crop is pretty good we hope to make you a considerable remittance during the Winter, We now hand you inclose our Orders for the ensuing Spring, which we hope you will execute and pay attention to the Quality & Prices, Our orders would be much larger but we dont wish to involve ourselves during the War, we wish you will send the Bill of Lading to Messrs M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mearns & Duber who will pay proper attention in forwarding our Goods to three Rivers & this plan if they could possibly be put at the Top of the Loading it would be of great advantage to us when they are put under the Duber Goods they come very bad to hand, which occasions us often to loose the sales for the season.

We are respectfully

G. J. L.

- 1<sup>o</sup> of Desire Base
- 2<sup>o</sup> of Fregate
- 3<sup>o</sup> of Euzette Patterson

Montreal 15 Oct. 1799

Messrs Birchwoods & Daniels  
Gentlemen

Referring you to our letters of the 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July last we now have to acknowledge the receipt of your sumary favours of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April last, covering Invoices of Goods shipped by the Fortuna, Capt. John Bayly, & Adena George Treatorby Esq.

Invoices to the Mark W & Co	Amount with Int	£1125	7	8
do	do	do	do	do
do of 1 Can Beads	"	do	do	do
		2125	1	4
				2
				16

Both these Sums of which are paid to your Credit you have Debited your Acct. Amtd. of Drawbacks say £13<sup>2</sup> 2<sup>6</sup> for W<sup>R</sup> & Co and £24 - 2 for the Mark <sup>B</sup> C.

Includd You will receive Invoice Bill of Lading of 3 Bales Peltees and Furs we have shipped to your address by this conveyance the Dene Capt. Enol Boyd amounting to £1400 1 0 of one half covered under Insurance for the Concern and one half of the net proceeds to be apply'd to our Credit and the other half to Rich Debie Esq. We are sorry we have not been able to send you a more complete remittance this year, but we met with so many disappointments in our payments that it is impossible to do more as the Crop of Wheat is very good this year we hope to make you a considerable remittance in the course of the ensuing Winter, Includd we beg leave to hand you our orders for the next Spring which we hope you will execute Credit our by the first Convey, You will find our Order for this plan larger than last year having included the Goods we want for the next Year, we have met with a heavy disappointment by your shipping our Goods for



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Mr W<sup>o</sup>. Gillespie Three Rivers 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1799

We were duly paid with your  
favours of 17<sup>th</sup> & 20 April last by Mr Jas Muel  
and are much obliged to you for the trouble you  
have taken in procuring us that young Gentleman  
from his past behaviour we have every right to expect  
he will answer every purpose we intended him for  
and we do assure you any thing that we can say in  
his behav<sup>r</sup> falls short of his desert and we shall do every  
thing in our power to make his situation agreeable  
during his residence with us, We note what you  
say respecting the money paid Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gray & Freeman  
& the Ballance of £ 4..18..7 which we received from Mr  
James Robertson Es<sup>q</sup> if we can be of any service to you  
here you may freely command & we  
your Humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>  
W. G. Es

P. Fargate

Montreal 22 Oct 1799

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rowan & Wainmuth  
Gent<sup>l</sup>

Being intimately acquainted with Mr Tho<sup>s</sup>  
Wainmuth at Three Rivers who shou<sup>d</sup> some Articles of Town  
Drapery sent to this Country by your House we have  
taken the liberty of sending you a small order for such  
Articles as we think would suit our Trade here, which we  
request you will ship by first ship bound for this Country  
with Spring, should our conditions should suit you  
which is One third of the Am<sup>t</sup> to be sent you in Bills  
or Produce of this Country in Summer or Fall 1800 &  
the other Two thirds in Summer 1801, We have only ask<sup>d</sup>  
for a few things on these I should they answer any  
Order will be much larger next Year.

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hua Montreal 4 Nov 1799

Sir,  
By Mr Fitch desires, we inclose  
you a statement of sundry Furniture, he delivered  
in to you, but paid us £11.12.0, at his  
Credit, we also inclose you his account  
Current, by which it appears he will owe us  
£44.0, which please pass that sum to  
our Credit, as he informs us, that you  
would pay us whatever Balance he would owe  
us, with Interest, &c.  
Y<sup>r</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Mess<sup>rs</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Pearson & Co Montreal 2<sup>d</sup> Nov 99

Gent<sup>l</sup> Referring to our letter under date  
the 20 of 22 ult<sup>o</sup> and now we have to wait upon you  
with Invoice & Bills of Lading & Certificate of 113  
Barrels Potash & Pearl ash shipped to your account  
by this Conveyance the

Amounting to 330<sup>l</sup> 10<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> Sterling which we  
with ease to hand & to a good Market, we remain  
Gent<sup>l</sup>.

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
J<sup>r</sup> G & L

1<sup>o</sup>  
2<sup>o</sup>  
3<sup>o</sup>

a hiatus - in Con-  
quence of about 20  
lines being burnt

Mr Fiddale Hamilton & Co Montreal 5 Nov 1799

The present serves to hand you enclosed  
our Orders for Sunday Woollens which we request  
you will complete and ship in the Spring Fleet  
Referring to our Letter of 20 ult by the Gale Packet  
We are respectfully

Yours &c  
2 V Street  
3 V

Yours most Obedient  
(signed) G & L

Mr Birchwood & Daniell Montreal 5 Nov 1799

Our last respects were under date of the 5<sup>th</sup>  
of 22 ult since which we have been favoured with yours  
of 20 August last, inclosing two Invoices of Goods of  
the Adriatic Cap<sup>n</sup> C. Total Amount of £1979.1.  
which we have paid to your Credit & we have Debited  
you for £14.14 of Sterling Am<sup>t</sup> of Drawback the  
Goods are not yet come to hand the Cable that was sent  
more than we ordered we keep we have likewise our  
Ac<sup>t</sup> Court made up to the 30 June last by which it  
appears there is a Balance of £1012 .. .. 8 of Gray  
Four Thousand and Twelve pounds Eight pence  
which is free from Errors and have accordingly  
carried that Sum in a New Ac<sup>t</sup>. We herewith annex  
a list for a few Articles we omitted in the Order we sent  
you the 15 ult if we will be much obliged to you to add  
the 140 Punt Sum we ordered we wish if possible

1799

de la Flotte de l'Été prochain / et si vous avez  
besoins de Marchandises l'Été prochain, nous ne  
doutons point que vous profitiez de ceuse de M<sup>r</sup>  
Lacroix, car ceuse qui viendront par la Flotte au  
printemps prochain, n'arriveront point après de  
bon heur, pour ceuse qui font des envois aux  
Illinois, surtout ceuse qui font des envois aux  
Missouris. — Par les dernières lettres que nous  
avons reçu de Londres, nous sommes informés  
que tout les lainages, comme Couvertes, Drap,  
Cotons, Indiennes & couteras 20 flent au dessus des  
prix de cette automne, aucune, Pelétes qui  
vous voulez bien nous adresse, vous avez la  
complaisance de les envoyer à M<sup>r</sup> J. Lacroix  
à Michelinackinac, qui nous les enverra par  
le Magasinage, les vendus, nous chargeons que  
2 1/2 flent; en attendant avoir le plaisir de  
recevoir de vos nouvelles

D

Mous avons l'honneur d'être  
Mons<sup>r</sup>.

Votre très Obeissant serv.

G. H.

1799

9 Jan. Balance par compte Envoiy L 1799 — 1/2

a deduc. autant payé au Notaire  
pour Quittance de Mad. Bausen

Balance de L 1788 — 1/2

Montreal, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 99

M<sup>r</sup> Dan Grant

Sir

We inclose you Louis Gygis Exp<sup>t</sup>  
Note of hand for £15. 2. 10 by which became due 18 Inst.  
You will please to demand payment & send us the  
Am<sup>t</sup> by return of the Courier, we are

Yours Humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>

G. H.

Mons<sup>r</sup>. Pierre Potros

Montreal 22 Nov 1799

Mons<sup>r</sup>.

Ci inclos, vous recevrez votre compte  
courant; Balance en notre faveur le 1<sup>er</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1799 £30. 9. 4.  
1 Juillet 1800 146. 4. 8 1/2  
Cours d'Halifax, Garantie de l'argent avec nous  
nous obligés de vous prier de nous envoyer la Balance  
que nous lui dû le 1<sup>er</sup> du courant.

La dernière Botasse que nous avons reçue de vous est  
arrivé à Québec après le départ des derniers vaisseaux  
& nous espérons que vous ne ferez aucune difficulté  
de nous s'over £15 p<sup>r</sup> Jonneau, tant le Marché  
fait avec notre C. Lapramboise, que vous deviez nous  
lever votre Potasse à £45 p<sup>r</sup> Jonneau pour la Flotte  
Nous espérons que nous oublier point de nous envoyer  
par la première occasion le montant de votre compte  
& en attendant croyez nous

Mons

Vostres Obéissants s<sup>r</sup>

G. H.

83  
Mr Daniel Grant Montreal 29 Nov 1799

Dear Sir We wish you 24<sup>th</sup> Inst enclosing  
Loran Gage's promissory Note favour of James  
White for £15. 2. 10 Curly If you are in Cash for  
said Note we request you will remit us the  
Amount by next Post. We are

Dear Sir  
Your most Humble Servant  
G. H. L.

Montreal 2 Decem 1799

Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Grant & Co

I have your two favours of 29<sup>th</sup> of 30<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>  
inclosing a d<sup>n</sup> on Char White for £20 Curly which  
is paid and at your Credit. I have sent down  
to Col<sup>l</sup> Thomas to receive the Amount of your Acct  
Ag<sup>t</sup> late Capt. Garston for £38. 4. 4 Curly but  
could not find him at Home when paid will  
likewise appear at the Credit of your Account  
Curly by first Opportunity & our best Bate  
Y<sup>rs</sup> with esteem &c. Gent

Your Humble Servant  
C. H.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Grant & Co

Montreal 2 Decem 1799

We have before us your favour of 11 Curly  
inclosing a d<sup>n</sup> on Col<sup>l</sup> Thomas for £15. Curly which  
we are informd cannot be paid before Col<sup>l</sup> Thomas gets  
Letter Ch<sup>g</sup> the other on & to pay at your Credit. We  
have not yet rec<sup>d</sup> payment of your ac<sup>t</sup> against the  
late Capt. Garston if not paid before next Post as well as

Yours aff. will be returned to you we have sent  
 seven times to know when it would be paid but  
 never could get an answer. We have made up your  
 Accts Current to 30 11/12 It will appear there will  
 be a balance in our favour of £14,953.. 2.. 7 1/4 Cents  
 it will be forwarded by a Private Opportunity do not  
 trouble Yourself in Corresponding with Deaneau Schan  
 attend to the business in getting every Article necessary  
 for the vessel I am Agent

Let me know if you have any Charges agt the Schaner  
 Your Humble Servt.  
 C. L.

Montreal 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 1799  
 Mr. Jean Deaneau

Mons<sup>r</sup>

Nous avons a repondre a votre Lettre  
 du 2 du Courant a notre Mr. Willm Grant et sommes  
 tres satisfait des prix de la facon des voiles de notre  
 Batiments. Nous examinerons Propriete de vous  
 envoyer le Plan du Batiments

Nous sommes, Mons<sup>r</sup>  
 Vos tres Hble<sup>s</sup> Serv<sup>s</sup>  
 G. H.

Willm Grant

Montreal 10 Dec 1799

Sir

I enclosed you will receive your aff. with  
 the House here to the 30<sup>th</sup> ult as it stands in our Books by  
 which it appears there is a Balance in our favour of  
 £14,953.. 2.. 3 1/2 Cents I will thank you to pay our aff.  
 and should there be any error you will please inform  
 me and it will be immediately rectifyd. You will please

à 5/ le Minsh mit d'abord mais comme c'est notre  
coutume de donner la preference à nos Prodiges  
et que vous nous avez priés de vous en former que  
si nous étions dans le cas de racheter, Nous vous  
serions obligés de nous en former par letour du bouvier  
que si vous nous pouvez point fournir la quantité  
ci dessus mentionné, que nous suspens finir avec la  
personne qui nous offre ce, Nous avons l'honneur

de vous  
Mont. Vos tres Humbles

de vous  
G<sup>de</sup>

Montreal 23 Dec 1799

Mr Sueton Grant  
Sir

As we have occasion for a small quantity  
of wheat the ensuing Spring and being a rule  
with our House to give our Customers the preference  
of the proportions of the wheat we have occasion for  
We request therefore You will let us know by next  
Friday Post the quantity You can furnish us to  
be sent on board the 25. May next with your Price, We  
are favoured for any quantity we may want to 5/4  
Minsh We would to give You any Commission to buy  
as it would not ascertain the quantity, If You should  
not contract with us You must take care that who  
buy your wheat must pay You 1 June next as we  
have occasion for our Money that period as we have  
already inform'd You of our Grants of weight and  
Summer

Montreal 26 Dec 1799

Jos<sup>ph</sup> Young Esqr

If you have any Bragg Wine to dispose  
of will you please let us know by return of Post & the price  
You will take for two or four Punt payable ensuing Spring  
in Paris

circumstances - in the immediate vicinity of a  
fierce enemy, against whom they were united

Montreal 26 Dec 1799  
Messrs. M<sup>r</sup> McWider & Co  
Gent

We have your much esteemed letter of 23<sup>d</sup> Inst. and have Debited you £30 paid you by Leguier. Below you have a State of our Market if you have any of these Articles to purchase we shall be glad to receive your orders we are

Gent your Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Wheat 5/6 5/6 good quality £ 9 9<sup>h</sup>  
White Peas 3/4 a 3/9  
Pot & Pearl Ash more on Market  
Oats 1/6 a 20

Montreal 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 1799  
Messrs. Birchwood & Danell

We refer to our last respects of 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. & beg your attention to the small order therein handed you particularly to the 40 Peck Rum, part of which we request you will ship from London or Liverpool by the Spring Fleet should the price be moderate we observe by the Public papers that Rum has been selling at the latter place lately very low and as there is a great Stock on hand it is probable it will continue so however we submit to your judgement, by either sending part of it as ordered, or the whole from England for we find that when it comes direct from Jamaica the Season being far advanced before the Ship arrives that it meets with a very dull sale

We have to request you will cause Insurance to be effected on our Acc<sup>t</sup>: for £6000 Stg on Ship or Ships from Montreal to London with or without Convey

It send a person to know the lowest price for Cork and  
When rec<sup>d</sup> You will endorse the Am<sup>t</sup> on the back of  
his Receipt and then You hold, we remain  
Yours Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
G. H.

Montreal 2<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800

Mess<sup>rs</sup> J<sup>r</sup> & Co  
Gent<sup>l</sup>

Our friends Mess<sup>rs</sup> M. McWidert<sup>ts</sup> of Quebec  
inform us that they had written you how very unfa-  
vurate they had been in not getting our 113 Barrels of  
Potash on board any of the vessels then to sail for  
England, which we are sorry for but it shall be shipped  
You by the first Ship that leaves Quebec in the  
Spring. We shall also send you some remittances  
about that time, Owing the cheapness of Bills at  
New York during last summer this place is  
entirely drained of specie: consequently our paym<sup>t</sup>  
have been bad in the mean time beg leave to subscribe

Ourselves  
Gent<sup>l</sup> Please allow our Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Your Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
G. H.

1800 sent via M. J. J.  
can of W. L. W.  
N.B. via Halifax

Montreal 2<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gray Freeman & Co  
Gent<sup>l</sup>

We beg leave to refer you to our  
respects of 20<sup>th</sup> Oct last and have now to inform you that  
on Acct<sup>ts</sup> of the sudden rise in the price of Bills and the  
scarcity of Cash in this place at present, the Country  
having been entirely drained during the course of the  
Summer for the purpose of purchasing Bills in  
will  
wa-  
fled  
ausc

New York they having been 10 to 12 feet below par  
We must therefore defer making you any remittance  
this winter but by the first Ships that leaves this  
next Spring you may expect an ample remittance  
in Produce You will therefore please cause £1000  
to be Insured on Ship or Ships from Montreal to London  
with or without convoy to depart on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of Nov<sup>r</sup> Next premiums to be returned for Property that  
Shipped please to observe that part of the above sum  
may be Shipt on board the first Ship that leaves this  
place in the Spring but in case of accidents we have  
deferred the time of sailing till the before mentioned  
period, Annexed we hand you a small order for a few  
articles for next Fall to which we crave your usual  
attention, in the interim we remain

Gent<sup>l</sup>

Your Most Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. G. L.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Geo. & J<sup>n</sup> Black<sup>ts</sup>

Gent<sup>l</sup>

Montreal 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800

Referring to our respects of  
22<sup>nd</sup> Oct last We, now annex you a small order for a  
few Articles for next Fall to which request your usual  
attention remain Gent<sup>l</sup>

Your Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. G. L.

Mr John Jones.

Montreal 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800

Sir  
Yours of 13<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> we duly received  
and will now esteem it a favour if You will again  
call upon Mr Young to know when the Hedges  
will be sent from Diehambeac to this place and  
to whom they are consigned we have called upon Mr.  
Caldwell several times here who we believe is his agent  
but he has heard nothing from Mr Young lately  
Your Answer will oblige

Yours Hum<sup>b</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
G. H.

Mr. W. B. Coltsman

Three Rivers 30<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800

Sir  
Your favour of 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> would  
have been answered by last Post, had our Claude  
Lafambeise been at Montreal. We are sorry we  
cannot furnish You the Cash You want, having  
already taken measures to remit Bills to your  
House in London by the February Mail we are

Yours &  
signed G. H.

Mrs. Parker Gerard & Co

Three Rivers 30 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800

Gen<sup>l</sup> Your kind letter of 27<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup>  
is before me and observe the contents, I have ordered  
about 14 Mr Bushels Wheat but as the people here  
are returning the Country to purchase Wheat

I cannot as yet ascertain what the price will be  
 the Inhabitants in this District have got into  
 the Custom of giving their Wheat to the Country  
 Merchants and fixing the price at a certain period  
 and there is no probability of making them act  
 otherwise If agreeable to you I think it would be  
 best method, that our Customers should collect all  
 they can and fix the Curr: price at a certain period

You will please pay Mr James Nucle £100 by  
 as it will be pretty near the Cash. I have advanced for  
 the Wheat, with what I had before, I am truly  
 Yours  
 J. C. L.

Quebec 14 Nov 1799

Me<sup>rs</sup>: In<sup>o</sup>: Leau<sup>ts</sup>:  
 Gent<sup>rs</sup>:

*written by M. M. M.*

The long series of Easterly winds that have prevailed  
 for some time past prevented the Arrival here this  
 Moment of the Pot & Pearl Ashes from Montreal  
 intended to be shipped to your address by Miss Grant's  
 Lapram boat, in a vessel from this to London by this  
 unfortunate circumstance they are shut out from Freight  
 on all the Vessels about to sail and from the late part of the  
 Season in all probably will not effect a Shipment this  
 Year. This information We have thought necessary to  
 forward for your Government as Agents for their  
 Gent<sup>rs</sup>: here, with sentiments of respect from us &c

M. M. M. M. M.

John Ambrose Esq<sup>r</sup>

Montreal 19 Feb 1800

Sir

I enclose I send you your Account  
With W<sup>m</sup> Grant & Co. There appears a Balance due  
by you of £44.11.10 Currency I will thank you to  
examine their Acct. If you find free from error please  
to remit me the Am<sup>t</sup>. or by a Draft on Quebec, had I  
not been so much distressed for money I should  
not have troubled you this time. Mr Young's account  
is not yet paid. With my best respects to Mr  
Ambrose I remain Sir

Your most Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>  
C. L.

Mr John Jones

Montreal 19 Feb 1800

Sir

Our Mr William Grant handed us your  
Account Current with W Grant & Co. by which they  
will owe you a Balance of £24.9.0 Currency we  
will in a short time order the above sum to be paid  
you at Quebec. We have rec<sup>d</sup> two Bills High Wines  
from Mr Young the Am<sup>t</sup> is £51.15 Currency which  
we request you to endorse that sum on the back of  
his Receipt amounting to £100, and have to beg you to  
deliver his Receipt to Mess<sup>rs</sup> W. W. & Co. whom  
we thank by this post. I remain

Your most Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>  
C. L.



Montreal 5 April 1800

David Pike Esq

Sir

As Porter is greatly in demand here and I wish that at least a few were ready. Money I am in hopes of being able to send you a small order or two in course of the summer. I provided your terms are the same as Messrs. Wallers, who ship very considerably to this country, they can nearly charge 1/2 lb for best brown about 13 dishes included it sells on an average here from 10 to 11/2 lb. I'll allow say for dozen the Baskets are worth 3/4 to 4/4 dozen being very scarce in this place, if you were inclined to send us a few dozen on consignment by way of introduction you may depend upon a speedy sale. However as I intend being in Scotland next Dec. as I shall defer saying more at present, only that I hope you will have the goodness to favour me with a few lines in reply to this.

I remain respectfully  
Yr. Obedt. Servant

Montreal 21 March 1800

Messrs. Bayard & Co  
Gentl

Having received a large quantity of Canada Sealers & Robins from the Messrs. Munking they will sell well at this time. I take the liberty of sending you thirty pairs of each of the latter upon consignment. By way of

1000  
Feeds  
Bridg  
Loud  
Black  
Hick  
Linn

Wm<sup>r</sup> Thomson Esq

Northwell 1. June 1850

Friend

I am very glad in this  
country, I have been so very long out of the  
business in the house for which I have  
out as they wish to see than I have  
expected in preparing the short time I have been  
here. As I wish to see you very long  
into this country and the company of  
injection. I think I could be of use  
service to you there in the obtaining of  
your house, through the hands of my  
Mills.

My father says, provided this quality is equal  
to that of other houses which I have no doubt  
is the case if not superior it generally sells  
for 245 to 248 per acre and the price  
London a 257 short price, Spanish wine is  
greatly in demand here but very scarce I have  
inform me if you can shift any of this quality  
and the price delivered on board, they will I  
have seen them in the country, I have seen  
says to be mostly used in the former country  
with 14 to 17 per acre, which is direct from  
the land very generally very much  
that you be able to send me a few  
of both to me on the payment by way of  
provision you may see it upon very attention  
being shown to your order. I shall be  
proud of your wine if any, perhaps in the  
to a more extensive shipment in future for your house  
with best respects to Mrs. Thomson & family

M. Sucker Grant

Montreal 17<sup>th</sup> March 1800

Dear Sir

We duly received your two favours  
of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. covering a Statement of your  
Accounts Current which we will examine & let you  
know if right, We will thank you to let us know  
if you could make your quantity of Wheat to  
3000 Munds, J. B. Paille has about 1500 Munds  
I have let us know what he will take over  
C. Lapramboise intends to go in three Days the  
latter end of this Month and will have the  
pleasure to stop at your House when he will  
no doubt settle with you for what goods may be  
wanted on the arrival of the Fleet next Spring

With much esteem

J. C. G.

Mons<sup>r</sup> Pierre Hebert

Montreal 17<sup>th</sup> March 1800

Mons<sup>r</sup>

En reponse a votre lettre du 14 du Courant  
J'ai a vous informer que le dit Batiment sera  
pret a recevoir les 1500 Munds que vous m'avez  
vendus le 8 Fevrier dernier aux Trois Reveres &

Jesuis Mons<sup>r</sup> Vos tres gr  
J. C. G.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Pymburner & Crawford

Montreal 20<sup>th</sup> March 1800

Gent

I trust you will receive Adv<sup>s</sup> Sales of  
Wine and 8 Puns Rum Consigned to the late Copartner  
ships of William Grant & Co The Net proceeds  
£256<sup>9</sup>/<sub>4</sub> at your Credit I shewin and your

108  
 enclosed Vernatts Tax to Bill Amot to Ithull Curry  
 which is at your debit, When convenient will  
 thank you for their Account Current, I remain  
 Yours most obedt Serv  
 C. C. Le

Montreal 20 March 1800

Mr. William Grant

We have your invoice of the 11<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ins.  
 Inclosing James Wilsons No 1<sup>st</sup> for 120<sup>0</sup> not Cash  
 amounting to £50 Curry is it we had need to  
 the Credit of your Account as is, I am send  
 you your Invoice of Sunday goods delivered at  
 Washington amount £78<sup>17</sup> Curry at 4<sup>0</sup> Debit  
 they are charged at the selling price for 6<sup>0</sup> of me  
 will receive likewise your Account to the late  
 Partnership of William Gray & Co as it stands their  
 Books by which there appears a Balance as  
 as Cash 31 January last £699 10<sup>0</sup> 4  
 Payable 1<sup>st</sup> October next 810 2<sup>0</sup> 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Which is Transferred to your Debit with us, and if you  
 don't pay your Acct. in William Grants & Co Books  
 Mr. J. C. Gray has delivered this morning your agreement  
 with us C. C. and have sent it by M. Seguen, there is  
 an Acceptance of William Grant & Co in the hands of  
 Lafontaine for £25 which we request you will pay  
 we have likewise given our Note to Louis Gouin for £140 which  
 is now due and if you have no Money, you can easily raise  
 some by selling your Houses with respect to your letter of  
 11<sup>th</sup> Ins. that whatever sum might remain unpaid was  
 to bear Interest, we have no money that we can lend  
 into any ones hands at Interest it is well for people that carry  
 on no Trade we will send the Points to Deserres tomorrow &

You will please take Mr. Moberges Burn at the  
 price My young offers to say 4/10 gallon for the  
 balance of your list on him which you will  
 send us up if you are ready & Oblige  
 We have thus much to deliver to Mr. Colman as your  
 Quota lower and at the same sales which we  
 sincerely hope will be for your benefit. Your early  
 reply to this will be very much in your favour by  
 being  
 I am Dear Sir  
 Yours  
 G. H.

London, 1st March 1800

Isaac Blackburn

Dear Sir

It is a great pleasure to inform  
 you that I have been  
 for whom I have  
 to each other in the  
 Your Power to send  
 hope you will ere  
 for which I will put  
 in your way which  
 but it is in London  
 effect of our insurances, as you have often  
 large stock of Port Wine & other by you which are all  
 good articles. Thus Country the latter sells for 14/6 per  
 when it is good, & Madeira is also a very good article  
 a ship from Madeira to arrive here about the end of May  
 would be a most capital speculation, & the other Home  
 with staves, should you send me a small consignment  
 by the end of the summer you shall receive a good price  
 by which I am yours truly  
 Noble

only and her st

