

on Lots without right or Title; Such Persons we are not desirous of remaining but as they have engaged the Lands for some time & no doubt have made choice of Good Lots, we think they ought to pay the highest rates according to the class or quality which you shall consider their Lands to fall under.

And as we consider Monf. Le Lanne to be a proper Person for passing of Deeds, you will employ him in that line, observing to have Security on the Lands for the money not paid down - For your agency in this business we shall allow you five per cent on the money you receive and pay to us - You will from time to time inform us how you are going on with any observations you have to make, and as it may happen that one of us only will answer your Letters & give you further Instructions; you will consider such answers & Instructions as if coming from us both.

We are Sir

your very obedt. Serv^{ts}
 (signed) Isaac Todd
 James McGill

additional - Notwithstanding the foregoing Stipulations, you may (when you find it necessary, that the Applicants are of good Character & well affected to the Government) extend the time of credit one or two years more and take one fifth or even a Sixth part down - and you may also allow Settlers to come on, under private agreement, obliging yourself to grant a deed in one or two years but if they do not then comply with the Stipulations of such private agreement that then they are to give up their improvements without fee or ward.

You are authorized to exchange Lot No. 15 in the 1st Range for Lot 14, in the same Range with Solomon T. Ferguson Jun^r - J. M. G.

Montreal 17 June
1802

✓
I wish Mr. Monrogh, Lessee of the Sale of Lands
in Stanbridge at 2/6 p acre to Mr. Tross, the
quantity 32,429 acres, had more of the Lots H & F
or I.D. comprehended; that if the Finley family
should be prepared to have the purchase, they would
very welcome but that the money must be ready
by the 15th of October — that I would write him
answer until the 26th Current and no longer
& in the meantime should refrain from writing
either to the Attorney General or to Mr. Allen

Montreal 24 June
1802

Robert Monrogh Esq^r

Dear Sir

I have duly received your
favor of the 21st and in answer to your enquiry,
whether I will allow to the 15th of Oct. for receiving
"payment of Mr. Tross & any Lands in Stanbridge &c."
I think by the general expression that the money
for 32,429 acres of Land at 2/6 must be forth
coming at that period, there would be no doubt
that the money owing to us was included; such
was and still is our intention, altho the time
for giving an answer may probably be elapsed
before receiving it — which Mr. Tross & I
would be very glad to see from you that the whole
of

being given by Government to pay their demands, you are
in an Error, for altho five years are given to ~~pay~~
dispose of the Loans, we are bound to pay them
in proportion as we pay ourselves; and I told
the Attorney General last winter as I did you
that it was my determination as well as Mr. Tully's
not to sell otherwise than for Money - Such is
our opinion was one of the Conditions of the Sale,
but previous to it I had the consent of the
Government through Mr. Sewell to give a reasonable
delay for payment to the Purchasers of Stock
bridge; this qualified of previous bills of an
conclusive receipt of bond to the 15th Oct. ~~and~~
and we thereby to the Creditors entitled to the
same treatment; hence my proposal to you
before I should write to either of them - we
wish not to touch a penny of the money,
except that which we have advanced, and it
will with Interest of ~~one~~ Twelve Shillings
Pence - Now pay us on the 15th of October, for
as well Government & the Creditors must
we shall cheerfully relinquish our right -
But we must have a determination one
way or other and you may take a fortnight
longer to make up your mind; for if we
must disburse the money, some precautions
must be taken to provide it, and if
on the contrary we are to receive money it is
necessary to know it. I am Dear Sir
yours
J. M^r

found by 40 acres in depth - as to the Letter of the 11 March, it has never
come to hand & if it contained any thing of moment, the want of it is
to be regretted; but as your notices part of it in your subsequent form
we may presume the general Contents not to have been of much im-
portance. The Sum of £100 yk for 120 acres of Sand is a very moderate
price indeed & considering that these Sands cost us 32. p. acre, the loss
is very great, as however you advise the measure & having never in-
tertain'd a doubt of your advising for the best, especially where half
the money is to be paid down; & as to such other Sales as you think
must be made either on credit, we have only to observe that such
Deed must be pass'd as will render us Masters of the Improvements
in the Event of the Purchaser failing to pay ~~the~~ the money in a given
time, say five years; for which purpose I send you the draft of a deed
of that Nature, such as is pass'd in this Province, which you can show
to your Son in Law & unless he points out a better form, we would
wish it to be follow'd.

I do not observe by any of your Letters that my respects
of 23 December had reach'd you, possibly the missing Letter from
you took notice of it.

I am sorry you meet with difficulties in obtaining your Patents,
and were I on the spot with Mr John McGill, might venture to
solicit him for you, but I am averse to writing because such a Step
being more formal seems to carry the appearance of a Complaint would
not be very acceptable. I thank you for the information you give
me respecting Mr Macdonell & am glad his moveable property turn'd
out better than was expected. I extend my best respects to Mr
Asher & your Family & I ever am Dear Sir

Your friend & very humble servant
Signed, Jas. McGill

but wishing to certify property which is
so little that we agree to your making the
Sale, and if more Power from us
than your letter is necessary we shall furnish
you with it, I believe that the Sale of 12
Acres by 70 has not taken place, but that
you expected to make Sale to Messrs. Bartlett
of some property on the American Side, in
order to enable you to pay J. A. Mill's Interest
on the Loan you owe them, I hope you will
have success and that against next Spring I
shall inform you of the Person to whom I would
wish you to assign Pensions at Mackinac
in payment of your Interest — as I
consider John Huron's Claim to Lames in this
Province altogether futile, I send you back
the Papers which you ~~sent~~ accompanied
respecting them, and as to your enquiry about
money from Governor Maitland, Mr. Tully
tells me, he sent you something ago, I have
only therefore to say — that I am

J. A. Mill
J. A. Mill

for our ever benefit - and rather than become the
Trustee of others ³⁰⁰⁹ as Mr. Kepperson I would
consent to leave all the money lent to Mr. Terrell
at a most critical moment for him, as it was,
then explained to me - Such being Mr. Terrell,
& my way of thinking, I now entreat you
for Mr. Terrell & myself to say to any two of
the Trustees who are expert to the undertaking
that we will make over the whole of the
Lands in Shubrick, (including to us, formerly
excepted) at one Dollar per Acre, to pay or
repay us with Government land to pay our
debts, or paying the Land, to pay the Trustees,
this amount in 12 months or to give such as
may choose ~~some~~ Lands at the price to be
paid us and if any thing should remain, to
pay the same to the heirs of the late Mr. Terrell
in 12 months also - and as to the Lot excepted it is
a millstead of 360 acres, which I will take
at a dollar per Acre - or if this is not agreeable I
will wait for a year to be paid in making my
present demand - as Curator to the
Estate, you may be competent to procure, if you
find a Purchaser or Purchasers, to make this
transaction, of which however you can advise
with Cammell and I think it will be right
to have communications with the Attorney
General on the whole of the business - whatever
may be the result, both Mr. Terrell & myself are more
desirous that the determination may not be delayed,
for already we have had so much troubled application

to almost make us regret the part we have taken in
doing a friendly act, — yours &c. &c.

John Aikin Esq

Montreal 28 July
1804

Dear Sir

Your favour, of 16 inst. to

me and of 25 to Mr. Loring & me were duly received
and we have paid attention to the Contents — we
observe that you have not yet completed Deeds
for more than 32 Lots of Land, we trust however
that in January you will not fail completing
them as you promise, for however Coyne may
be your Reason for the delay, it is a most curious
business indeed — Mr. Powell in his Letter of the
31 July offering to pay 600 dollars for the Cochine
if you sell himself there — "payable in three years
" from first of November ~~but~~ next, I will not engage
" to pay any part of the principal sooner, at the
" same time I do not say that I will not, but I
" will pay the Interest on the 600 dollars annually
we thought from this that he would not hesitate
about making the payments by Installments and
still hope it may be the Case, but if otherwise,
let him have the Cochine his own way, retaining
only Surety on it until payment is made —

3 May 1804 - wrote Mr. Phillips, Letter &
sent him Charles Dennis Certificate for Lewis
& praying Mr. Phillips to act for him -

John Ashin Esq

Montreal 31 May 1804

Dear Sir

I wrote you last on the 30 Ult^o and have
now to answer your favor to Mr Todd & myself of the 25 of the
same we are both well pleased that the deeds for 20 Lots to
each of us on this side of the River are completed and we
shall be very glad to hear from you that you have made
allotments & completed deeds to us separately for the property
on the American side. We approve of your Motives for
selling the four small Houses and of your intentions respecting
the windmill -

The Bill for £ 25 of Sparkman or Craigie
having been protested for non payment we now return you
the same with protest the expense 17/6 besides postage to
& from Dubuc 1/8 which we trust you will receive with
the principal & Interest, also 5 per Cent damages -

Having no novelty from home to communicate I
have only to add that I am - Dear Sir

Your very obed^t Serv^t
Sig^d James McGill

You will no doubt hear of the death of poor Mr. M^r. Savush, he
had been unwell since March, his disorder proceeded from cold,
but it is thought became consumptive; as a member of society &
an enterprising Merchant his loss is much regretted by every body,
his particular Friends but more especially his family for it seemed
cut off whilst still in the prime of life and the enjoyment of every
comfort which an affluent Fortune could bestow, are circumstances
which open a door for serious reflection. I only add my best wishes
for the welfare of yourself & family ever and Dr Sir

Yours every sincerely
Sig^d Jas M Gill

John Astors Esq^r

Northwick 13 July 1804

Dear Sir

I have been favoured with your Letter to
Mr Todd & myself of the 8th Ult. and I am now to reply to that
part of it which relates to our share in the Windmill with Mr
Park. That Gentleman has wrote us or rather to me that on
proving him thirty pounds as you had proposed, he would give
one Hundred & fifty Pounds for the whole, at least so I understand
his offer. Our half would be £75 from which if we must pay
£30, there would remain to us, Forty five Pounds York for our
half of the Mill & of four acres of Land. This we consider as
too little & concluding by Mr Park's Letter as well as by yours
that, we were to be consulted previous to the bargain being concluded,
we have written this day to him & informed him that we could not
agree to it; being however that Mr Park is urgent for selling that
property I have further informed him that I now write to
you, desiring that you may without delay proceed to finish
that

J. J. James, Esq.
James Stodd

I am Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to the
 matter of the said John J. James, Esq. and in reply to inform you that the same has been
 referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 your obedient servant,
 J. J. James, Esq.

Memorandum 15 June 1805

John J. James, Esq.
I am Sir

John Astor Esq

Montreal 19 August 1805

Dear Sir

Your Friend Amine Mr Todd sailed for England on the 5th Instant, at which time his health was tolerable, ^{except} a violent pain & swelling in one of his knees, but it is hoped that the voyage & medical assistance in England will set him to right in that case we may expect the pleasure of his return next spring, but my good friend altho this temporary separation gives me pain I have to lament a superior loss in the death of my poor Brother, who was taken from us the 31 of last Month

I have at present to attend to your favour of 15th 22 of last month, and respecting the conduct of the Commissioners also attended at the payment made by the Purchaser of the Indian Lands, I regret on your account very much that such injustice has been done, but I can apply no remedy but that of patience, hoping that in future the Indians will not allow themselves to be swayed or over reached, which in the instance you speak of seems to have been the case. But the Letter of the 22 July is far from alarming, for if Messrs Beauchamros Grant is not good there is not a single deed in this Province that would not prove bad in the opinion of the Commissioners whom you speak of as having found two only to be legal Titles according to the Law of Congress which you sent me

By the Law of 3 March 1805 I remark that by Sect: IV Titles are distinguished in the following manner "French or British Grants legally & fully executed &c are to be supported by Sect V that "all Persons claiming under legal Grants derived from the French or British Government, or by virtue of actual possession and improvement or for any other account whatever are to file their claims in writing on or before the 1st of November next; this you will no doubt comply with, as well for yourself as for Mr Todd I am under our Power of attorney - and as the final determination rests with Congress, it is to be hoped that substantial Justice will be done, but to give Claimants the better chance of being fairly dealt with, the Claimants should petition Congress to be heard

Yr

10 Sept 1805

received Instructions on my late Brothers
 House, by Letter to Alexander Selwyn
 Esq^r viz^t

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | dwelling House of Stone | £1500 |
| 2 | workhouse Stone walls | 40 |
| 3 | Ice House Stone walls | 30 |
| 4 | Stable Stone walls | 40 |
| 5 | Coach House front of Coach | 20 |
| | | <u>£1630</u> |

6 To reside in the dwelling
 House } — £200
 J. May

John Backwood Jun^r Esq^r Montreal 9 Sept 1805

Dear Sir

You would learn by the
 Flat which sailed from Quebec on the 5th August
 the loss I had sustained in the death of my much
 regretted Brother, Andrew, since which time I have
 been occupied by his private Concerns, by my own
 business of the House in such manner as has prevented
 me from addressing you sooner —

I have now to acquaint you that by his last
 will he appointed me with Mr Todd & Mr James Dunlop his
 Executors and me solely his Residuary Legatee. In looking
 into his papers and finding by your Letter of 23 April 1804
 that you had purchased for him but in your own name
 £3000 of Stock in the three per cent Consols, for the purpose
 of securing eventually a jointure to his Widow of £150 p^a annum
 during her natural life, but could not by want of some
 formality be so placed out, I have in consequence taken
 advice of course here, on the means to be adopted for

carrying

carrying into Effect the Marriage Contract that will relating
to that jointure and also an annuity left to the widow & I
have been advised that as Executor with Mr Dunlop who is
now here, we had authority to impower you to transfer that
Stock to me in trust for the widow, obliging myself however
as ordinary Legatee to the payment, from that fund, specially
of her jointure. That this being done a power of attorney
from me, for the express purpose of receiving the dividends
arising from the Stock would be sufficient. Upon this
advice, special Powers of attorney have been made & executed
and I now transmit you one from Mr Dunlop myself
as Executors and another in my own name as Trustee for
receiving the Dividends & proceeds of the before mentioned
Stock - and I hope they will be found sufficient. I had
thought of sending you copy of the will and of the
agreement with Mr McGill, but it is thought here that
they are not indispensably necessary, as the object of the
Power from the Executors is to authorize you, and if this is
in your judgement sufficient to that point, nothing further
seems requisite - if however you judge otherwise, have the good-
ness to inform me what further documents you desire to have
that they may be transmitted without delay - at all
events I presume that my Letter of attorney will not require
any alteration - and as I presume that the dividends for one year
have sufficed, that is from April 1804 till April 1805 to defray
the sum of £125 which you appear to have disbursed in order
to completing the purchase, I apprehend there will not be any
difficulty to permit me as Trustee to value upon you for
subsequent dividends as I am desirous of showing punctuality with
the widow, and I should hope that the Powers which I now address
you may suffice to warrant such payment on your part
with the greatest regard & esteem I am Dear Sir

Your very obed^t humble Serv^t
/ Sir James McGill

P.S. It would seem that by some accident any Letters you
may have wrote my Brother have miscarried for amongst his
papers of the present year I find none - I am led to this remark
by

C. Brush Esq

Montreal 23^d Sept: 1805

Sir,

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 15th Ult^o containing proposals to purchase Lots No. 13 & 14 / coming from John Askin Esq^r to me / for the sum of £515.15 Y^e also to purchase No 13 & 16 / coming from him to Mr Todd / for £400 ~~Y^e~~ & both to be paid for in five Years with Interest from 15 Oct^r first ensuing, which I agree to and have in consequence writ^t to Mr Askin & as you think he may pass deeds without a Special Power of Attorney, none has been sent up - I shall rely on the payment of the Purchase this fall in conformity to what you write me, and with much regard

I am Sir

Your very obed^t Servant
Signed, James McGill

John Askin Esq

Montreal 23 Sept: 1805

Dear Sir

Since writing you of the 24th Ult^o, I have been favoured with yours of 6th Inst^o of 16th of the same and I rec^d also the Trust with the Patents &c. by Mr Snyth

Your & Mrs Askin's deeds would have answered all the purpose intended which was that Mr Todd & I should have such paper in our hands as would show to what property we had a right. These deeds do it, the Patents therefore might have been kept, now however that they are here, I esteem it necessary for the present at least to send them back. I wish you had made a Schedule of the deeds, it would have saved me some trouble, of which God knows I have my full share

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But not yet having $\frac{1}{2}$ I cannot do it with precision as
usual. I think however as before mentioned that our Debt at
home will amount to £41,000 of which we remit
by estimation £25,000, this is not as usual and you will
readily believe gives no pleasure. Remittances from the Indian
Trade have been very bad Mess^{rs} McEugon who sent us last
year £11,000, do not exceed £4,500 of which their account will be
rather against them than in their favor at the end of the
year. Giffson & Berthelot from whom I expected from 12
to 14 Thousands of will hardly reach to Ten, and as to Mr
Dickson you know already in part how it stands, but more
on this subject in another letter. No money has been got for
Rum as usual, indeed we have luckily imported but 30 Pipes
it has been sold at 5/4 since 4/8 in large parcels, tho' the
cost is 5/10 with dry goods we are stocked too much shall
import few indeed another year, but the remedy does not
prevent Interest from accumulating, in short unless the value
of Furs gets up there is no saying where it will end, we
must hope for better times, and as the Corp of Upper Canada
is said to be good, it is most likely that payments will
prove pretty full next year, more especially as it has been
written from England that wheat had risen to a high price
I flatter myself with hearing from you by the Capt
Bachet before the Navigation shuts and I hope to learn
that you had got well you are much missed here and
your return will be anxiously looked for, but by none
more than, My Dear Todd

Your sincere Friend
J. James McGill

James Young Esq
3030
3019
Glasgow

Montreal 17 Oct
1805

Sir

You were informed by Letter
of the 12 Aug of the Agency told by our Brother
to your delay told and it would have appeared
in great satisfaction to have been able now
to remit the same, but the payment of his
Country purchase, but I feared that it could be
personal & Company debts, have not yet been
settled, unless your order on the payment
so fully yet through with as to account of
of Agents, and it will be requisite that you
any bill drawing the money - so soon as the
impression seem I shall be to give a proper
my presence, you may be assured that I shall
discharge my duty with the utmost will
not neglect it, as the same is intended
I do say take that charge & with him the business
with much concern & regret
can be settled

I Sir

Yours &c
Jally

The Hon. John Hamilton
Lord Provost of Glasgow

20 Oct. 1805

Sir

You were informed by
Letter of 12 Aug of a Agency told by my Brother
to the Inferioury and which you possess, and
now I regret that it cannot now be transmitted
the payment of his personal & Company
debts is not yet so far advanced as to permit
withdrawing the different Agency stuff, he
told, but you may be assured that so soon
I can paragraph follow as in letter to
Mr. Young

as it can be done with propriety I shall not
forget it.

I am every respectfully

Sir

J. V. L. L.
J. M. G.

Dear Sister

Montreal 17th Oct
1805

I have not here the pleasure of
hearing from you since the 12th August, when
I informed you of our Brothers death & of
the legacy he had left you as well as our
debt, and as you may probably be expect-
ing both by the 12th of that month, it is proper that
I acquaint you that these Annuities tho not
payable until all debts are discharged, you will
take from the Rents of the Houses, and leave them
should not be sufficient to make you comfortable
as usual, by writing to Mr. Patterson he will
supply more, but from your mentioning that
the Houses were well let and that you were
not in want of money I am very for certain the
Rents will suffice - I think our debt has
but you too much, but you must be the best
judge from being on the spot as I am
unacquainted with the annual Rents, except
by a minor conclusion of our state of our Brothers
writing I will thank you to give me a state
of them at your leisure - a Bill of Exchange by
Mr. Luson, charges paid to Greenock, Family
and

J. M. G.

as one of the Executors
I had much pleasure in paying at our weekly clergy
but the great object being the payment of debts
and without success, I occurred for
the present depart so far from the will &
Laws of the Country as to make payment
of Legacies a first measure of Execution
ship - I sometimes will elapse before it can
be done, but the object will not be lost sight
of, and you may rely on my endeavours
to sell the business so soon as may be
practicable, consistent with my duty -

I am, Dear Son,

Yours &c
J. M. G.

14 Nov^r - wrote my Friend Mr. Todd by way of
Pucker & copy by way of N. York - the Copy
under cover of another Letter written to him on
the 25th November & sent by favor of Mr. Gillispie
to New York

13 July 1806

wrote Mr Secretary Ryland, and sent
him Account & vouchers of money received
& distributed to the Clergy -

23 & 25th

wrote my Friend Mr. Todd & answered his Letter
of 28th Octob^r up to 6 November

10 April 1806

Wrote to the Rev. John Sturtevant - Cornwall in
N.Y. Canada & sent a power of attorney to take
charge of 443 Acres of Land in Oriskany,
taken by my late Brother A. M., from Capt
Wilkinson in payment of a debt to J. &
A. McGill
6 May

wrote to my sister - in answer to her letters of the
18 Nov^r & 27 December last

wrote to Mr. Young, Glasgow, in answer to his
letter of 18 November last
via New York

Montreal 12 May 1806

The Rev^d
John Sturtevant

Dear Sir

Under date of the 10th of last month
I took the liberty of addressing you my Power of attorney
touching the Farm which my late Brother acquired from
Mr. Wilkinson, but not having since had the pleasure of
hearing from you, I fear my letter may have miscarried
and it is in consequence of that apprehension that I
address you at present, and if such should be the
case I will send you another Power - I am

Dear Sir

Yours obed^t & very able Serv^t
J. G. McGill
James McGill

John Paterson Esq^r

Montreal 27 May 1806

Dear Sir

I am indebted to you for your favours of the 1st January & 6th of February last as the latter of these came first to hand I was surprised to see that you had rec^d on my account a dividend on £13,000 Stock, knowing of £3000 only that I held in the public funds, but your Letter of 1st of January clears up the business as I observed that Mr Brickwood Jun^r had transferred £5000 of my late Brothers to you as holding my general Power - In doing of this it does not appear that he has followed my Instructions for that Stock being purchased to secure his widows jointure as established by the marriage Contract, should have been apart, and in my name as Trustee to the Widow, for altho there is not much risk that I shall be unable to pay her £150. £^s for annuum which is the jointure to come from that funds, yet even that small risk should be guarded against, that happen what will, the widow may not be exposed to any loss -

As I have not heard from Mr Brickwood on the subject, altho I wrote him fully & explicitly on the 9th of Apr^l last, I shall wait his answer, which possibly may explain the business - As I see you had received £182. 16. 3^d of dividends up to January last on my account & presuming that as much more will come into your hands in July & having to pay the widow McMill in a short time one year of her jointure, I have valued on you at 20 days sight to order of Mr John Selby for £200⁰ which I doubt not you will have the goodness to honor -

I have got the deer Skin and Fur Sales which are had indeed, & from what we hear from St Louis of the Mississippi

Mississippi Trade I am very apprehensive that the
returns will not be such as to make up for the loss
that has taken place by the bad sales. It gave
me much pleasure to learn from you that my
Friend Mr Todd was better and the hope of seeing
him by the Fleet affords me uncommon satisfaction
Mrs McGill & Miss Porteous desire their best Com-
pliments - Mrs McGill has not been so well this
Spring as usual, but she is mending & Miss Porteous
enjoys good health I am My dear Sir
Yours obliged Friend & very hble Servant
J^r James McGill

18 Jun

wrote to James Dunlop of Montreal at
Glasgow in answer to his letter of 3 of April

wrote to James Young, Glasgow, in answer to
his letter of 6 May -

wrote to my sister, in Glasgow, in answer
to her letter of 14 April.

Mrs Ann McGill

Montreal 28 June 1806

Dear Sister

It is now a long time since I have had
the pleasure of hearing from you, which I hope has not
been owing to indisposition -

I have at length had information from England
that six months dividend has been received on the stock
put into the Funds from which you are to get one thousand
fifty pounds Currency annually; you may therefore
draw a Bill on me for seventy five pounds Curr.

Mrs Ann McGill
My dear Sister

Montreal 10 July 1806

I wrote you on the 28th of last month and was soon afterwards favoured with your letter from Burlington dated the 1st Instant. I found in it your draft to order of Mr. Willard for two Hundred Threes pounds ten Shillings Currency, which I now return you, as I do not pay the money to that Gentleman, the same as you yourself observe not being due for the further reason that it is necessary, your drafts or Receipts should express that the sum, whatever it may be is on account of your annuities from your late Husband.

To prevent you nevertheless from being in want of money, I embrace the opportunity of Mr. Henry's returning, Mr. Willard being gone to Quebec to send you twenty five pounds Currency which I consider as going on account of the annuity to be got from the stock purchased by Mr. Brickwood and now vested in my name. You will have therefore the goodness to send me a Receipt for this money to that Effect, and should you have drawn a Bill on me for a similar sum accompanied by a Letter to Mr. Brickwood as pointed out in my last respect I shall pay due honor to it. From the difficulty which Mr. Brickwood has mentioned, it may be necessary for your greater security, that a new arrangement pass between us, in such case I should be happy could you make it convenient to come this length, where we might further agree as to your future Receipts terms of payment, whether to yourself or some person authorised to act for you. I enclose you a note of the money now sent with much esteem I am

Dear Sister

Your affectionate Brother
(Sig) Jas. McGill

Lands for Sale in the Township of Stanbridge Lower Canada

The Township of Stanbridge is situated in Missisquoi Bay, on Lake Champlain is bounded on part by said Lake to the south, in part by St Armands a Seigneurie, now well settled, to the East by the Seigneurie of Noyas & Habrisois, to the North by the Township of Farnham and to the west by the Township of Durham at present full of settlers. The Lands of Stanbridge are estimated very good, uncommonly well watered by Pike river which discharges into Missisquoi Bay, will admit of small vessels loaded going up that river to a fall where a great mill is proposed to be soon built as also a saw Mill. Plenty of Pine woods is to be met with & can be easily conveyed to the falls. There is already a great mill near the center of the Township on a branch of the Pike river and there are about fifty legal settlers on the Township.

The Lands will be disposed of in Lots of one or of Two Hundred acres without any charge or further except the purchase money being paid of the Crown in full. Common socages reasonable accommodations will be given for part of the purchase money.

The said Township in a straight line is not more than fifteen miles from St Johns or more than forty from the City of Montreal and it is now in contemplation to have a turnpike Road established from St Johns to the falls on Pike river in the said Township.

For further particulars & plans of the Township application to be made to Philip Ruyter Esq. at St Armands who has authority to dispose of the same by Lots as above mentioned or to the subscribers at Montreal, Proprietors of the same.

24 July 1806

Wrote to Mrs Ann Mygell, by Post, that
I had written her of the 10 by Mr. Henry
and sent her £62.10, and of the 15 by Mr
Willard, and sent her £75 both Currency

wrote to Philip Reiter Esq. P. Howard to
acquaint him of having written to Mr. Henry
at Windsor in Vermont, as a passing paper
& desire him to augment the price of the
Lanes on fifth part, & request to know if any
settlers were coming in, what appearance of
Crop & of payments

Montreal 2 August
1806

Dear Sister

Your agreeable favour of the 28
of last month I have received with your Paper
for £300 Currency, and I am very happy to
learn that the money has got to hand in
good time - I derive pleasure from believing
that your health is established & so you
say nothing to the contrary, and it affords
me much satisfaction that your agreeableness
one of the most respectable boys - As your
letter to Mr. Reiter approving of the
sum of £1000 in my name will be
sufficient for him, it is of the last consequence
whether a new agreement has between you
& me, if therefore you are satisfied with the
Security you hold, I need not put you to the trouble
of

have good claims, we cannot assuadably be bound to pay
what we have not got. To this you observe that the
Attorney General is opposed, we cannot but think that
there is some misunderstanding here, for Mr McGill
in speaking with him on the subject was informed
that it was owing to want of a Competent Court
that the measures could not be prosecuted. If he
did not misunderstand the A. G. the obstacle then
existing is now removed by the arrival of the
Chief Justice, and being of opinion that there will
be no impediments in the way of obtaining Execution
we point out that made as the easiest Expedient
Under this impression we now write to him and
request that he will give every facility in his power
to have the business liquidated, for we are most
desirous that no other delay should take place
than may be unavoidably necessary, in order to our
being freed from all future demands & secured of
that property which we are willing to pay for

We are Sir

Yours very obed^t Serv^t

Sir Isaac Todd

Sir Jas. McGill

J. Swell Esq

Sir

Montreal 11 Aug^r 1788

We received by last Post from Mr. Moore
as Curator to the Estate of the late Hugh Finlay Esq^r
copy of sundry resolutions entered into by the Creditors
for the purpose of obtaining from us the balance which
we may be found to owe on the Lands of Stanbridge
and stating as one reason for this mode of application
your interference to prevent an Execution going against
the

Ninian, being one years annuity of the Legacy left him
by our Brother, and you will be so good as to deliver it
to him. I transmit also at this time to Miss Young
and to your Lord Prevost, the Legacies left to her &
to the Royal Infirmary, the first being £500 and
the other £200, both Sterling, and as Mr J. Dunlop
of this place is one of the Executors and now at
Home, I think it best to send the Letters which
contain the Bills in open ~~Letters~~ under cover to him,
in order to his taking the proper Receipts. We are all
well at Burnside & desire to be affectionately remembered
to you. I ever am

My dear Sister

Your affectionate Brother
Jas James McGill

original
& duplicate } by Envelope

James Dunlop Esq^r
Dear Sir

Montreal 18 August 1806

My last acknowledged your favor of
the 3 April, and since that time I am without the
pleasure of hearing from you personally, but my Friend
Mr Todd has informed me that he had your address
of a later date saying you were of opinion that you
would not return to Montreal this Season. On
this presumption I now address you and inclose open
Letters to Miss Marianne Young, and to the Honble
John Hamilton with remittance of the Legacies left
by my Brother, the first being five Hundred Pounds
Sterling to the young Lady, the other Two Hundred
Pounds also Sterling, to the Royal Infirmary. I have
thought it best to address them under your Cover, since
you are one of my Brothers Executors, and for the
purpose of your obtaining necessary Receipts, which
I request of you to take by duplicate & forward to me
by way of New York. In matters of business I need not trouble you
knowing

P. S. the 6th Septemb^r - I have rec^d you the
3031 above yesterday and to day your favour of the
2^d has been received; all I can do is to wait
six months longer for our half of your note
but payment of the other half with the Interest
due I cannot put off - I am

John Muro Esq^r

Montreal 8 Sept^r 1809

Dear Sir

Yesterday we had a meeting with the
Attorney General, previous to which I had seen General
Burlton, agents Mr Potts who resides at Charlevoix, and
Messrs. Noyes, a Notary, who lives at La Prairie, and
proposed to them to have lines drawn between the General's
Lands and the Township of Stanbridge under a Rule
of Court which they refused positively - of this we informed
the Atty. General, he laid before him a map of the Township
of the Boundaries, by which it appeared that Mr
Finlay's own Lots containing 1520 acres lay in such
manner as by bringing them to sale, will fully
determine how much, if any, of the Lands in Stanbridge
can be taken off by General Burlton, and as soon
or later these Lots must be brought to sale for the
benefit of the Creditors that it is altogether uncertain,
what number of acres Gen. Burlton lays claim to - the
Attorney General has said that if on his getting to
Quebec the Creditors should decline suing out Execution
against Mr Finlay's Lots, he will then do it for the
Crown, for the Post office debt wait the Event, it
being promised on our part, as we have all along given
assurance that whatever may be then found to be coming
to the Creditors, the Post office Debt now owing being
first satisfied, shall be paid into the hands proper to
receive it and to operate as

As The Attorney General has told us that he
would recommend to the Creditors the measure of

being

Miss Marianne Young
Dear Miss

Montreal 18 Aug^r 1806

The present is for the purpose of transmitting your Payment of the Legacy left you by my late Brother, being Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, for which Sum you will find enclosed first of Exchange Letter & Mortgage of Dublin on Mess^{rs} Inglis Ellice & Co London at 90 days sight in my favor & indorsed to your order

And as Mr James Dunlop of this place is one of the Executors now at Glasgow I transmit this Letter open to him that he may take the necessary Receipts

I am very respectfully Dear Miss

Yours obed^t & able Servant
Thos James McGill

ought to be
by Encl^{ure}

John Bruckner Jun. Esq.

Montreal 21 August
1806

My dear Sir

I ought before now to have acknowledged your favor of 8 April last, wherein you request me to transmit you a Letter from the residue of my late Brother approving of the transfer made into my Name of the Five Thousand Pounds, in the three percent Consols - it has however been my Luck, altho the Letter has been for some time in my possession; but knowing that the Ship Cayetano Capt. Jarrison will soon sail from Quebec from the Port of London, I esteem the opportunity to be a good one, and in consequence I enclose you the Letter required, which I hope may reach you in safety - It is now in my

Yours

swung out the Execution without delay, we
annoy the No^s of the Lots, in order to accelerate
the suit - We are Dear Sir

Your very obed^t Serv^t

(Sig^d) Isaac Todd

(Sig^d) James McGill

No 12th Range 200 to 600
3 "
5 " 373
6 " 318
8 " 229 1/2 920 1520 acres

J. Swells Esq^r
Sir

Montreal 13 Sept^r 1806

Not having been able to procure a sketch
of the plan of that part of Stanbridge which comprehends
the Lots belonging to the late Mr Findlay, in time
to deliver it personally - I now embrace the opportunity
of Mr Richardson going to Quebec to transmit you
the same; by which you will see that by ~~swinging~~
out execution against them, a decision will be had
as to the quantity claimed by General Norton, for I
have been informed that he pretends that the line of
Noyan comprehends at least the whole of the 11th Range
and at the Sambour Line Sir John Johnson
thinks from an ex parte survey that he ought to take
from Stanbridge about 1400 acres - this last however
neither Mr Todd or myself intends to set up as a
plea - we only wish the lower part discussed for
the legal decision being obtained to do that which
is just right I am very respectfully

Sir

Your obed^t very obed^t Serv^t
(Sig^d) James McGill

justify prices of Goods & rate of Exchange, but I see
with concern that his mind must be weak,
since he will not venture to draw for a Thousand
pounds on a House, to whom they owe nothing
& with whom they have done much business
& for years back have enjoyed their Confidence -
Perhaps when you have conversed with Col.
Beck, things may take a different turn,
for as to ~~actually~~ ordering a general Survey
of Stores Provisions &c. there is nothing extraordinary
in the measure, but the requiring a State of
the Bills drawn & their appropriation looks
not so pleasant - I mentioned in my last
that Laframboise was to make an apportionment
but it is not yet done, Sewell has promised
James Reid to give him the draught of it
this forenoon & that you may know what has
been said on that & other business of Messrs. Backwoods
&c. I enclose you Copy for yourself only / not to
be sent forward / of the letter from my House
to them - As to the Michilimackinac Business
a rough draught of the Agreement or Heads
of one has been signed - It is for ten years
& the four Houses to furnish the Stock, one
at liberty to retire at the end of Seven & draw
out Stock & profit if any, but if Loss to pay it
and one of the Houses may withdraw sooner
provided three remains, but either one, two or the
three Houses must undertake for the House re-
siding - In this Concern you are to hold half
of our share which is four. Sixty four parts of
one sixteenth of the whole - I have not yet
written Messrs. Backwoods Daniell &c. on the
subject, but I shall soon & I mean to say

that

Pounds if the Executors have received the July dividend
and if otherwise I trust you will be enabled to
acquire it. For these purposes I enclose the several
Powers which to me appear necessary. I would have
done it before now, but was expecting to hear from
the Executors on the subject: the season being far
advanced, further delay is to be avoided. If however
I should by the Frigate (expected as Convoy to the
homeward bound) receive advice that may render
other forms necessary, I shall not fail to transmit
them by way of New York, should there not be
opportunities by Dublin. I am with the
greatest esteem - My dear Sir

Your obliged Servant
James McGill

Montreal 31 Oct 1806

Wrote my Sister, Mrs Aaron McGill in answer to
her Letter of 31 October

Wrote to my Sister in Glasgow

Wrote to James Young Esq. in Glasgow

Wrote to John Inglis Esq. London

Wrote to John Bucknham Esq. London

Wrote to John Bucknham Esq. London

Montreal 19 December 1806.

Robert Hamilton & } Esqrs. Queenstons
 Thomas Dickson. }

Dear Sirs

We take the liberty of addressing you on the subject of the lands taken in Payment from Mr William Dickson on account of his Debt to Todd McGill & Co, the Deeds for which have never been perfected that we know of, and as both of us are anxious to have that business finally settled, we must pray your good offices with Mr Dickson to have the same effected. - By the Schedule of Deeds sent us by our friend Mr Cartwright some appear to have been perfected, but for part Original Grants & transfers were wanting, for others the Power was not barred and some were not registered, as your Laws require. - The whole of the Deeds were put into the Hands of Mr Thomas Dickson, who we suppose has not been able to get the Business completed, as he has not as yet informed us of its being done. In this state of uncertainty and the lands being the property of Mr Des Rivieres in part, though no transfer appears in his name & but a very small portion in the name of Mr McGill & considering that both of us are fast advanced in years we are most desirous of having the Deeds perfected so that Mr Todd may be enabled to make regular transfers to the others concerned, of so much as in fact belongs to them, we hope therefore that if not yet done you will get Mr Dickson to have them perfected without loss of time, he must be

sensible that we have not been urgent, for it is now Eight years, since the first Sale was made, and as we are all mortal, we trust that the accomplishment of the Agreement will not be longer delayed. To render the business of apportioning these Lands as easy as possible, it is Mr Des Rivieres intention to sell and we are disposed to purchase from him his part, which is 4000 Acres we will be much obliged to you therefore to give us your opinion of the value of an Acre taking the whole together. And should this purchase take place, we shall then become the Sole Proprietors each of us for 12000 Acres. To divide them between us as equally as possible, we would beg of you to make out two Schedules, each to contain 12000 Acres as nearly as practicable of similar value from Soil & situation, and to Number them N^o 1 & 2 that we may draw from them & make proper transfers to each other in consequence & we remark by the Schedule in our possession that in Flamborough East there are 900 Acres transferred to J. M. & in the same Township 800 Acres to J. T. neither of these need to be divided, in making out the Schedules, as we shall easily arrange about them into whosoever Lot they may fall. It is proper for us to mention that Mr John McKay has delivered us two Patents, one for 400 & the other for 250 Acres in Parlington. Should the assistance of our Friend Mr Cartwright be in any manner necessary, we are persuaded he will cheerfully give it; he has already had a good Deal of trouble in the business, and we further request of him to continue his friendly Aid, but your proximity to Mr Dickson,

John Brickwoods Junr Esqr Montreal 2 January 1807

My dear Sir

as in a few days my public duty will call me to Quebec I regret that there has been no communication from you of later date than of the 29th Sept^r from your House to mine, and to which answer has been made. But since that period it would seem that Events have taken place on the Continent which may seriously affect the Fur Trade, for we are informed by New Papers up to the 29th of October that the Prussians had suffered a severe defeat and that Contributions had been levied as far as Lipsick. Should these accounts prove true we fear that the Goods of this Country will not find their usual Market & may therefore expose us to heavy Loss.

The apprehensions entertained of the Indian Trade being interrupted, sums for one year at least to be removed, the American Congress having passed a Law to suspend the nonimportation Act until the 1st day of July next, but a right understanding with our Neighbours can only be settled by our Commissioners and their Plenipotentiaries now in London, and we shall be anxious on this side till we know the result; in the mean time, from some communication on the subject of these Provinces we are not without apprehensions of the regular Trade of these Provinces, or of the Indian Branch depending on them.

Experience has demonstrated that our Neighbours are encroaching the Trade of East Indian Produce & our British Goods are now brought in & the Importers from England undersold, and we know of no means by which under the existing Treaty, the evil can be removed, for no higher duties can be laid on Goods from the States than coming by Quebec, and British Manufactures cannot

~~may together set as may appear most prudent~~

If we are to give credit to New Papers from the U.S. States, it would seem that the back parts are likely to have difficulty, unless so extensive a Country with a Government far from being strong, can scarcely avoid them; you will I dare say see in your own Papers, the Paragraphs which I allude to and from them can judge for yourself.

This Province is really not very well provided for, we want a Governor, for the our President is one of the best Men living; he is few advances in years, and I dread lest I should myself be called upon to take his place, being the next oldest of the Executive a Protestant and the Notation in which the office descends would make it fall upon me ^{was not} ~~rather~~, would make it by no means very acceptable, and it is one of them that I have neither House or Home at Dublin amongst other of my wishes is to see our Bishop return; you no doubt will have seen him and I may venture to believe you will be of my opinion that his Lordship is a Man of excellent Understanding & highly cultivated at this Season of the year allow me to wish you a happy new year with many returns of it & believe me with the greatest esteem My dear Sir.

Your faithful & obedient Servant
James M. Gill

I propose setting out on Friday for Quebec and if I can be of use, Interest & Inclination will lead me to it - Mr Todd remains, but may possibly go soon to the States, therefore in case you write to us, direct to him or to me in absence of one or the other & the Letter will be sent me to Quebec

I am Sir
Your very obed^t Serv^t
Thos. James McGill

P.S. You will have seen by the Quebec Gazette that certain Lots in the 11th Range of Sturbridge are to be sold by the Sheriff - I wish you as soon as possible to give me your opinion of them, the Numbers No 1. 2. 3. 5. 6 and 8; their position you can see by looking into your Diagram
Thos. McGill

M^r Daniel Rouseley
Champlain
State of New York

Montreal 7 Jan^y 1807

Sir

I was favoured some time of the 20th October, but not knowing where to direct to you, I deferred returning an answer

In regards to your proposals for the Lot of Land in Sturbridge which comprehends the lower falls on Pitt River, as Mr Todd & myself have given our authority to Philip Ruster Esq^r of St Ammands to be our agent, in all matters that concern the Lands we have in that Township we must refer you to him for the terms & conditions

which relate to Mr Todd's illness, we are confident you will act as for yourself, I shall not at present trouble you upon them

I am grieved my dear Friend to observe that you are not at your ease in point of some little comforts which you have been accustomed to & of which I have many times partaken. Next Spring Friend Todd & I must give you some assistance - some Tea, Sugar & Wine will perhaps be most acceptable & they shall not be forgotten - Most sincerely do I wish you, Mrs Astin & your Family the return of many happy new years and I am, Dear Sir

Your Friend & very obedt Servt
Sir James McGill

20 March 1807

wrote to Mr St. Lawrence & sent him Mr. President's
I enclose letter respecting a Bank

Isaac Todd Esq
Montreal 20th March 1807
My dear Isaac

I got back from Dublin on the 18th with Richardson and I found your letter of the 28th Feb^y and to day that of the 7th of March, but your favour by Mr Bruce has not yet appeared - I am sorry to observe that after a tedious & unpleasant Journey from Boston, you were confined by an indisposition but I esteem it fortunate that it had come out generally over your body as I think it proves your strength

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Inventario delle Stampe

J

Montreal 15th June 1802Philip Ruiten Esq^r

Sir

Being the proprietors of the greatest part of the Township of Stanbridge and desiring to sell the Lands by single Lots or in greater quantities as to you may appear most for our Interest, we herewith hand you our Power of Attorney, constituting you our Agent for that purpose; and we also hand you a Diagram of the Township by which & the list of the ^{lots} ~~lots~~ ^{(heretofore sent you), may be seen those Lots} that are for sale, excepting however Lot A: 9 in the 10th Range containing 361 Acres on which there is a fall or Mill stead

In disposing of these Lands we think it would be right to class them under different Heads or descriptions and to make four designations by numbers A. B. C. D the first Letter to designate the best & most valuable and descending to the last Letter D as the worst; of the price to be obtained for the different numbers we must in a great measure depend on your judgement, but we are inclined to think that the following Rates would not be too high Number A 10/6 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, no. B 7/6 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, no. C 5/6 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre & number D 3/6 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre and we would recommend that you endeavour to dispose of the inferior qualities first, or if practicable one Lot of good & one of bad together; but altho these are our Ideas of the value of the Lands, we do not mean to restrain you to them unalterably being confident you will act for us candidly & fairly as for yourself; at same time we do not wish you to depart from these prices more than an abatement of six pence $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, and as to the terms of payment, you must not exceed ^{five} years for the last payment & getting paid down one third or one fourth of the purchase money on passing the deed and we wish you as much as possible to avoid selling to other Persons than such as you consider instead sitting on the Lots they may purchase, as we do not like to encourage Speculations you will advert that Interest must be paid on the purchase money annually until paid

We desire that a number of Persons have sat down

on

the purchase money shall be paid by the 15 of
October, ³⁰⁰⁵ whether to Government, to us or to other
Creditors and the Family only is to benefit
by the transfer, it being understood always
that whatever Mr. Pender may have done or
shall do unless our authority shall be ratified

I again give you until Wednesday
of next week for our answer, the assurance
must then be given, for altho the money will
not be either for or from the 15 of October, we
cannot give until that time for coming to a
determination, nor any further delay than I
now mention - and if you give the assurance,
I shall with Mr. Todd consent on punctuality

I am Dear Sir

Yours very sincerely
J. M. G.

Robert Mowatt Esq.

Montreal 5 July
1802

Dear Sir

I have your favor of the
first to answer Having shown it to Mr. Todd, ~~the~~
it seems to him and to me that you entertain an opinion
of our wishing rather to embark than to save Mr. Tindley's
Family by procuring loans which we must know, they
cannot see you for them fulfill - if such is your
opinion you are wrong - as to the five years

Robert Morrey Esq.

Montreal 22 July
1802

Dear Sir

I have to answer your favor
of the 19 in which you request a delay until
arrival of the French Packet, to give a final answer
respecting Steubenville - with this indefinite demand
we cannot comply, but to put you at your ease
as much as we can, without too much inconvenience
to ourselves - Mr. Todd is willing and so am I
to leave the matter open, until the 25th of next
month; on that day we must have your final
& absolute answer, for it makes a serious differ-
-ence to have to promise £2800 or to have to
receive £1400 - I am always

my dear Sir

Your obed^t Serv^t
R. Morrey

Montreal 11 May 1803

John Askin Esq.

Dear Sir

As Mr. Todd wrote you on the 25 of
March it is unnecessary to say any thing at present on the subject
of your Letters to us of 5 Juny. & 7 February except calling your
attention to that Letter of Mr. Todd's, at the same time I have
to acknowledge your Letter of the 19 March informing us of having
written to us of the 11 of the same & acquainting with the offers made
I prospect before you for selling a Tract of your Land of 12 acres in
front

John Aikin Esq.

Montreal 22 Sept. 1803

I am your Debtor for several Letters
 addressed to Mr. Todd or to me or to both of us jointly
 they are of the 11th March, 2nd 11. 24th May & lately
 one of the 1st of August, these preceding the last
 month I deferred answering, hoping daily to
 receive from you something by way of acknowledgment
 on account of Dolours owing from our matters
 in your hands, a copy of the late deed in favour
 of Lewis to Mr. Todd & to myself which
 on this or the American side, but in favour of
 Amittamer nothing has ever been heard of
 I 100 yk in your Letter of July, and in that of
 1st of August information of debts being paper
 for 32 ~~lots~~ Lots of the Treaty which you were to
 give us for Lewis on our side of the River; for
 the other Eight Lots on the same side as also
 regular debts for the Lewis on the American
 side I hope you will complete them without
 delay & send them immediately afterwards, for
 in truth the Lewis's almost exhausts patience

In answer to Mr. Boucher's offer
 of 600 dollars for the estate payable by yearly
 payments of one third each year to commence on
 the first of November ensuing, I think the
 price low, considering the price paid for it,

Yours
 J. Aikin

25 Oct^r 1803 wrote to John Palmer London
 requesting him to continue again for my Stock in
 the 3^d p^t of Terms, but should he decline then to
 appoint John Inghis Esq. of the House of Physic
 Inghis & Co. success him also to remit my
 Sister in Glasgow £500

25 Oct 1803 - wrote to my Sister, Glasgow that
 Mr Palmer would remit her £50, and desired
 her to buy 2 annuities out of fees of Scots Warrants
 at 3/6 p^t y^r for each annuity

wrote J. Inghis's friends him to accept of
 J. Palmers's delegation to manage my Stock
 say £8000 by in the 3^d p^t of Terms -

wrote J. Bickerton Esq.

came to J. Bickerton's London

in answer to Letters from them & on the State
 of the Funds in general of the two Provinces

8 December 1803 - wrote John Allen, Dublin
 in answer to his Letter of 5th thanking him for
 communication, that if the Creditors be
 speaks of such as are he mentions, J. T. & myself
 would answer we have nothing to do
 them, to inform for me & say I would not
 consent to any thing but Mr. Allen's advice
 as Counsel, that Mr. Allen's words were
 Mr. Brown to secure Effect, that if the
 Creditors were two words taken the whole
 Loans at 5/ p^t even in Scotland but then
 of paying Government annuities, the

to consider of Trinity if enough come of any
consider given it to the Children —

John Allen Esq.

enclaved 19 Dec^r
1803

Dear Sir

I received in the morning having
had your favor of the 12th but the Post going early
in the forenoon of Trinity, I have not time to see
Mr. Todd & return our answer by that conveyance

at present I have to inform you that Mr
Kee whether authorized by the Committee of the late
Mr. Trinity or not, wrote by some Post much in
the manner you had mentioned in your former
favor, and I this day I return him our answer
to the effect I have mentioned in my answer to
you — that you may know exactly what has
passed between us I send you a copy of Mr. Kee's
Letter and my answer thereto — I have already
mentioned that neither Mr. Todd or myself
are members to the purchase of the Trinity at 2/6
the Acre, but we shall not be brought by the
clamour of a few selfish Creditors to give up
what we esteem our legal right to the Land,
which I must own to us by the Association that
Trinity — at the same time we can dispense
to make great sacrifices rather than have the
pleasure of attending to the wishes of the Lender

It is not a pleasing thing to assume that our Proficiency
3010 seems to yield nothing at present since that future
prospects do not mind on the Detroit side: from
your being on the Spot, you must be best able to
judge how to act, but our thing is most your
you against, namely, to incur no expense by repairs
and rather let the grounds lay waste than have to
Persons who exhibit them & never pay rent as
has been the Case with Papis - we have omitted
hitherto to say that we do not wish you to exchange
any of our Lands for others; you mention such
matter in a former Letter and it escaped our attention
to speak of it sooner - I am -

L. J. J.

J. M. J.

30 April 1804 recd Mr. Atkins in answer to
his Letters to me of 29 July & March & to Mr
Tweed & one of 11 March, acknowledging also his Letters
to Mr. Tweed of 29 July & 27 Feb & agree that
the said mill should be sold to May as long
terms, or to give or take with Alderman & Parker
10 of in the former this fall for their or our help
if not exceeding £125 y^r

30 April, recd Mr. Mather that I should
be for another year in their hands the
Thousand pounds they can see

3011

John Ashmole Esq
Dear Sir

Montreal 14 July 1834

Having yesterday replied to that part of
 your letter of the 8 June which relates to the Montreal. I now
 now to attend to the other parts of it - and in respect to the eight sets
 transmitted, to Mr Todd's original letter, I am satisfied that the
 economy of Mr Ashmole's former device shall be dispensed with
 and as to the 18 sets which your committee to have deposited for
 of 200 sets, payable in eight years, we subscribe to it, being
 persuaded that you will for the best - pay particular attention
 to what you say of the claims which some people apprehend may be
 set up by the American Government to lands for which there are
 not clear titles previous to 1783 - It is a point on which I am not
 sufficiently informed to offer a decided opinion, but I should
 think that where there has been possession for thirty years
 without settlement, the law is more favourable to the claimant
 not by ~~the settlement~~ ^{the law} - since no lands were taken from the
 inhabitants of Quebec where title was possessed in defiance
 of the American Government, it is reasonable to suppose that the American Government
 was committed that they had such legal or equitable title
 as gave them full right to their property - I am sure however
 that the having been the last or assignment on lands, it
 amounts to a recognition of the right to them in the Republic
 of the time, so far as concerns the parties
 Now that you have complicated the business of 20 sets
 to Mr Todd's original each on this date, you will I trust be
 without delay begin to us separately all that of the lands on the
 other side, judging where they lay there however that that
 in case of mortality to which we are all subject, our respective
 successors may know what belongs to us, and making out their
 deeds I think it would be right to set for the State which
 you made to Mr Todd & that the special deeds to each of you
 are made in consequence -

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that business. In consequence I request that you may lose no
time in having that property sold for what it will bring & on no
account to purchase it for Mr Todd's or my account either jointly
or separately. But if your offer to Mr Park of giving him £30
to fix a value & you to give or take was absolute & not subject to our
approbation, close the business, for we are far from intending to
annul what you may have agreed upon. I am D^r Sir

Your obed^t & very humble Serv^t
[Sig^d] James McGill

William Park Esq

Montreal 13 July 1804

Sir
A few days ago Mr Richardson put into
my hands your Letter of the 15th Ult. respecting the Windmill
in which Mr Todd & myself hold one half & you the other, relating
what had passed between you & your agent Mr Asher on the
subject; by which it appears that it had been agreed upon
that on offering you Thirty Pounds you were to fix a
price on the Mill which Mr Asher was to be at liberty to take,
or to have the mill & you, but subject to our approbation
before a final conclusion - and Mr Asher has wrote us to the
same effect, but without specifying, as you have done the
sum which you offer - as to us a Sum of Forty Pounds you
appear very little indeed for half of a Windmill and of four
acres of Land around it, we must decline the offer, seeing however
that you wish to have done with so ruinous a concern & being
desirous also to get rid of it, I now write Mr Asher & give him
directions to have the business finished without delay & I can
have no doubt that he will conform himself thereto - I am

Sir
Your obed^t & very humble Serv^t
[Sig^d] James McGill

12 August — wrote to my sister, Margaret in Glasgow
8013
✓ of the disposition of my late Brother Andrew
with — with respect to her — £50 s. p. ann

wrote also to my third Brother William Allwell of
Glasgow of the Legacy left to her — £25 s. p. ann

wrote to Mr. Todd & informed him of my
Brother's will & probable Purport — mentioned
Letters from Campbell & Lettington up
to 11 July — of intention respecting Campbell's
Trust & of Mr. Robertson's desires

wrote by J. Mill & J. Lambie as Executors to
my Brother A. M. of disposition in favor of
Royal Infirmary, Glasgow — £200 by

wrote Mr. Young of Legacy of £500 to his
daughter Marion — in sum name

The above by Mr. Henkle to Greenock

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by Council, before they come to a decision; & surely this will
not be refused. In the mean time I shall endeavour to get
the opinion of the Lawyers here as to what is that has been considered
a good Title by Deed or Grant or possession previous to the
year 1759 when the Country was subdued, and possess'd up to
October 1763 when the Kings Proclamation came out forbidding
Individuals to purchase from the Indians, but subsequent to
this period I imagine that English Lawyers can best inform
you of the degree of validity which Titles from Commandants or
improved possession bestow, or if not from 1763, at least from
1783 when the Country was ceded to the American Government.
But the thing most necessary is to get your present Governor
to represent the Matter to the President through the Secretary
of State, for if he sees the matter to be unjust in equity, tho'
perhaps not so in strict Law. I should think a Law will be
brought forward to quiet peoples minds & assure their property
in future. I am sure that under similar circumstances the
British Government would not hesitate long & I hope that
such also will be the liberality of the American Rulers.

I am Dear Sir
Your very obed^t. Serv^t
Nelly

24 Aug 1785

wel. to Mr. Ashkin to state the particulars
Case of his Lands & to say under what title
he holds & to bring them over to the point
of paying territorial Taxes in a manner

29 August 1805

Wrote to Mr. D. Tompkins, Cornwall to inform
of legacy by my late Brother, Amos, in
favor of his daughter Mrs. Eliza P. \$100
Doubt, to come on under a power of attorney
to receive the same at some time to have
a Certificate of the Clerk being in list on
the first of August

2 Letters

Wrote to Mr. Deane & wife in letters of
\$300 Aug: 26 & 29 Aug: of money by Deane
Note given Deane from Note given
date of same time Deane from Note given
& party list of list & money of Deane
Deane & Deane Deane at their charge, Deane

at July 1804 & 31 July 1805

6 Letters

Wrote to Mr. Deane, Deane, Deane of an
order, also description of a lot containing
belonging to the estate of A. M., to be
of 300 & Deane with Deane - Deane
The other half in sum & Deane with

Deane

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Wrote Mr. Deane to pay his money
of \$100, money of A. M. Deane & Deane
wrote with his name with A. M. Deane

Deane from from under cover of 5 letters
\$100 - Deane Mr Deane, Deane of Deane from

By observing that in your letter to him of 25 April 1804
 you advise having had Insurance made at the
 Phoenix Office to extent of £1000 for one year, from March
 1804 till March 1805 only from which may be inferred
 that the Insurance ~~has not been~~ ~~renewed~~ that the Insurance
 has not been renewed. Considering the matter in that
 light & having the means of getting Insurance made
 by the Agent of that Office at this place - I shall
 get a larger sum now insured in my own name, seeing
 the House most part of the Furniture fall to me as
 residuary Legatee, and in case of your having had
 Insurance done on the same property, I suppose a
 return of one of the premiums may be readily had.

Yrs J. M. G.

orig p 2 under
 dup p D M Gillivray

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wrote that to Mr. Ryland. that I had received
 the £100 for Insur. Letter of credit & have
 paid the same to the execs of the Hotel Dieu

21st Sept

wrote to Mr. Todd & informed him of our disagreement
 & consultation with R. Jackson, that we must go
 on if Bill Holders would give time, if not that
 we must stop short tho we were in advance for
 the Company near to £18,000 - that I had con-
 sulted Messrs. Robertson & McGillivray who were
 of opinion that the Bill Holders should agree
 but some not being yet here, he R. would not take
 the measure upon himself.

To Mr. Brush your Son in Law proposals I have no objection
and as no formal deed to Mr. Todd or me of the Lots have
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ever been registered, he says that those of you passed to us
may be cancelled by Letter and that then a deed from
you to him / I suppose for benefit of Mr. Todd & me respectively
will suffice - This offer is for Lots 13. 14 L 505. 16 of the No 15316
Mr. Todd L 400. of the payable each in five years from 15 Oct
first ensuing with annual Interest of six per cent - my Lots will
be equal Mr. Todd's will be nothing - as to the payment of the
orchard namely 600 Dollars, I trust Mr. Brush will pay it this
fall as he says so in his Letter & most certainly I understand it
so from the beginning.

You will of course have separate deeds
made out for each of us having Mortgage, the Originals of you
may keep & send us the heads or as the French call it *Précis*
of the same certified by Notary or Register Clerk as you
please - I am Dear Sir

Yours very obedt. Servt.
James M. Gill

Isaac Todd Esq^r

Montreal 17 Oct^r 1805

My dear Todd.

It is time I should begin
to give you some account of the matters you left with
me or my House - Being that Campbells Furs would not
in my estimation be worth 40,000 Furs and Foyths &
being holders for 20,000 and Potwin for 22,000 I prevailed
with Richardson to become the Shipper & settle with
Potwin, but they go under our Insurance to Mess^{rs} Inglis
& Co. - Mr. Astor has been here & purchased largely
I believe for L 10,000 of Otter, Beaver & Martens, and settled
with Mess^{rs} Parker, Guvards, & Co. also Mess^{rs} Henderson
& Armours & acquainted me with it, informing me at same
time that he had never charged the Furs to you but to
them & therefore no claim on you, which is noted in your
Copies

Balance shut and as to the Balance of £226. you were owing
him, he has added Interest and drawn on us for it which we of
course pay - agreeable to your directions I received from Mess^{rs}
McFarish & Robustaw & Co. One Thousand Pounds of the Note
for £8000 also £480 of Interest which sums are carried to your
Credit, and they have passed their Note to your Order for £7000
Currency payable the 15th of October next year which concludes that
matter conformable to your wishes. Your note to Mr. Cuthbertson
£244 has not yet been presented, but will be taken up as soon
as offered.

The little Girls Jane & Agnes are very well and
whenever called upon for any thing they may want as well as
their board &c they shall not be neglected. Eleanor has
written once as you desired, but Miss Porteous not having
answered her letter, I fancy Mrs. Stimpson has been displeas'd.
The little Boy who is now visibly mending, has occupied us
all so much as at times to give much pain to Haggin & I think
made Miss Porteous forget to make an answer. Nothing from
Montrose nor word to myself for the money I lent him last year.

The two business being pretty soon over this season I suppose
arriving in want of a house, I have hired it to him until May
his furniture is put together in a Room upstairs under
Lock Hill - Walter has behaved well in every thing; he has
taken up best part of your Note to him & by means of that
money made several advantageous bargains.

I have purchased but little on joint account, enclosed
is an account of them, if Dur Shins should mend in price
they will yield a Gain but accounts of 2^d August speak ill
of them - As I mentioned to you in a former letter with several
continued dates that Mr. Johnston had wrote you the contents
of his letters I need not take up your time more on the subject,
but I esteem it will to send you one of them as it relates to
some of his family matters - I mentioned also in former letter
that Asher had sent down Deeds and Patents which are all
together in a small Trunk, but as yet no money whatever is
come to hand - Your 1st & 6th Shares of money from Dickson
amount to £375.17.5 Currency and I have taken
Cuthers Bond for remainder of his Debt to J. M. & Co. for
£414.17.11 Currency - I have now to speak of our own matters.

John Paterson Esq^r

Montreal 17 Oct^r 1805

Dear Sir

The time for the sailing of the Fleet drawing near I sit down to address you by that opportunity - my last respects were in July when I advised having drawn on you for £120 to order of Mess^{rs} Logan & Watt, and I have now to request that you will honor my Bill at 30 days sight to order of John Porter for £100 ^{only}. This will leave you something my debt and I believe my Sister will require no assistance this year, as she has informed me that all the Houses were in good repair and well lett - This has been a year of pretty severe trial to those who imported largely and kind of the number we feel the bad Effects of it, next year we must hope that things will mure, as we at least will make a very short importation

I am sorry to have to mention that John Portous has failed & what is worse has behaved as ill as possible - all my endeavours to get him to make an assignment have proven fruitless - the regard I owed a young man who had been carded for by me, in common with his Brothers & Sisters during their bondage prevented me from taking harsh measures against him & my House suffers with others

M^{rs} Mc Gill & Miss Portous join me in best Compliments with the greatest esteem I am Dear Sir
 Your sincere Friend
 J^{rs} Mc Gill

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|----|-----------------------------|----------|
| 22 | wrote to J. Taylor - New | } London |
| | also to J. Bickerton Esq | |
| | and to J. Bickerton Jun | |
| 23 | wrote to my Friend Mr. L... | |

Ms. A. 1. 1. 1.
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John Hemmelen
Jesse Sweeney Longene

Manuscript 24 1805

Dear Sir

I am much obliged by your letter of the 12 inst: of a legacy left by my brother to the Infirmary over which you preside, and it would have afforded me much satisfaction to have remitted the sum at an early day - But the payment of the sum must be confirmed with me for agreement as to agreement as to the order to be drawn from the bank & form of the country in respect to Legacies - The custom must be observed in respect to accountants, and to whom no money is sent it can be seen with your family I shall not fail on my side.

I am, with great respect

Your obedient servant

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I am, with great respect
Your obedient servant
J. Hemmelen

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25 January 1806 write to my Sister — also to
Mrs. Young, Glasgow in answer to their Letters
of 27 & 16 September

11 Febry

wrote to John Aikin, Detroit & answered his
Letter of 13 Sept: also to Mr. Todd of 28 August &
of the 18 & 26 November to myself

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Mrs Ann McCall

received 15 Febry
1806

Two several Posts I have been
waiting to hear from you, expecting also that Mr
Gordon would go out with the Post himself, but I
have been disappointed in both — I therefore now
send you twenty five Pounds by Mr Gordon and
I request you to let me know whether I should send
you any more further here or if you will give
drafts on me to extent of the first six months con-
sistency that I may govern myself accordingly

I have not yet heard any thing
from Gyles respecting the Pounds sent for you
then —
I am &c

J. M^r

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wrote to my Friend J. Todd — London

John Ashkin Esq^r

Montreal 12 May 1816

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Dear Sir

I have become your Debtor for favours
of the 13 & 24 July and of the 15 March; the first of these
respects, chiefly your Debt to my late Brother myself,
which you wish to cancel by making over to me 20 Lots
of Lands of 200 acres each, laying, as I understand on the
British side of the River Detroit. The representation
which you make of your situation affects me very
sensibly, and I am much inclined to agree to your proposals
but were it possible to dispose of the property on the
American side, from which you intended to have paid
that debt, so as to make up, scarcely one half of the sum
you owe I would prefer it, and I put it to your own
hand over to say yes or no; if really that cannot be done,
I will take the Lots at 50 Cents or a dollar per acre
(give you a discharge), but as you expect that some
of your claims on the American side will prove
good & you say that in such case you would make
up the difference, you will give me an obligation to
pay me, my heirs &c^t \$500 more in the event
of these claims being sustained in Lands (which I do
now wish for but rather money) at the same rate as
the 20 Lots of 200 acres. To your favour of 24 July
I have to reply that I have wrote Mr Beuske on the subject
of McDonnells affairs & corrected my mistake about
not having heard from him or rather from Mr Duff.
In the same Letter you express a wish that some
intelligent young Savoy from this would go settle
in your Country, but all find so much encouragement
here

hoped that I should if any will be prevailed upon to go further
I am afraid that it is out of my power to send you
any Law-tracts showing how far the tenor of Lois Canada
respecting Heritage, Contract de Marriage &^{to} are in force
with you; to know this you must, the Laws of your
own Province, by which the Law of England were inter-
-suced, but I can still send you the Coûtumes de Paris,
which is the fundamental Case respecting Land's Property
Personal also previous to the introduction of the Law
of England; and third I may venture to say that all
Lands granted in fee & common socage are governed
as to descents widows Rights &c by the English Law. If
you could meet with Judge Powell and request information
on these subjects generally, I think he would tell you &
I think highly of his knowledge & finally disposition
I saw by your Letter of 15 March that you had made
sale of Mr Todds half of Prairie lands, say 6 acres in
front by 40 in depth for £300 the price in 5 Years &
wishing for my opinion thereon, more especially as you
expected to dispose of my half on similar terms. In
answer I give you my opinion that you have done
right that you may dispose of mine on same conditions,
that is to say the Purchaser taking the risk as to va-
-lidity of your own Title upon himself I only add for
the present my best wishes for you & yours, being

Your faithful Friend
Jas James McGill

P. S. I now return you

the original deed of Land from the Abbeys of
Beaulieu to the Abbeys of

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mentioning that the same is on account of your anxiety
 And as Mr Brickwood could not arrange the business
 intended by agreement in your name, he says, he will
 require from you a simple letter approving of the mode
 he has adopted to make the dividend payable to me or my
 attorney, so that it may be paid to my order - I annex
 copy of what he thinks is necessary and I hope it may
 be agreeable to you to comply with his recommendation.
 Mrs McGill & Miss Fortous are both well & desire
 their compliments. little James is still lame, but
 otherwise is in health. I am Dear Sister

Your affectionate Brother
 J^r James McGill

Mr John Brickwood Junr Burlington 8th
 Sir

The purpose of this is merely to testify
 my consent to the transfer made by you into the name
 of James McGill Esq of Five Thousand, 3 percent
 Consols, lately standing in your name as part of my
 late Husbans property and that the same was so
 transferred by you by my desire and concurrence

I am Sir
 Y^r O^bdt^o

Two Copies will be necessary

Mrs Ann McGill
3025 Dear Sister

Montreal 15 July 1806

I did myself the pleasure of writing
to you of the 10th instant by Mr Henry and sent you by that
Gentleman Twenty five pounds Currency: and now that
your Friend Mr Willard is returned from Quebec venturing
setting out tomorrow for Burlington I send you by
him the further sum of Sixty two pounds Ten shillings
Currency which compleats Three Hundred Pounds being
one years full payment up to the first of August
first ensuing, of your annuity & of your Legacy by
your Marriage Contract by the last will of my
late Brother your deceased Husband

For this sum of Three Hundred Pounds I must
trouble you to send me a Receipt, the form of which
I take the liberty to inclose you - and as to future
payments they will be made at the end of every six months
after the first of August. that is to say One Hundred
fifty pounds each payment, which I hope may be adequate
Your respected Letter of the 7th inst. has come to hand
and I thank you for your attention in transmitting
me with punctuality the Letter Hoped to Mr Backwood
most sincerely wishing you good health & every comfort of
life - I am with Mrs McGill's Compliments & Assurance
of the greatest esteem - My dear Sister

Your affectionate Brother
J^r James McGill

Received from James McGill Esq^r One of The Executors
of my late Husband Andrew McGill Esq^r, at disbursement
since the 28th day of August last past the sum
of Three Hundred Pounds Currency, of the Province
of Lower Canada, being the full amount for one
year to end on the first day of August next ensuing
of an annuity due me by my Marriage Contract
by the last will of my deceased Husband, the
annuity & the legacy being each one Hundred fifty
pounds said Currency - Burlington in the State
of Vermont of July 1806

John Henry Esq^r

Montreal 15 July 1806

Dear Sir

Your obliging offer of your services induces
me to trouble you with a notice respecting the Townships
of Stanbridge, now included, for the purpose of being included
in such of the New Papers of the neighbouring States
as you may deem proper - I am afraid my dear Sir
that I am giving you more trouble than the short
acquaintance I have had the pleasure of forming with
you permits and I am perhaps putting you to some
outlay of money - the latter may be reimbursed but
I know not by what means I can compensate for the
former; if however you can put it in my power to
satisfy the great respect & esteem which you have in my
mind I shall be happy in the occasion, now will it
be less pleasing to your friend Mr Todd, who joins
me in assurance of warmest wishes for your health &
welfare - I am Dear Sir

Your obliged humble Serv^t
James McGill

I have been favoured with your letter
 of the 7th instants regarding me the Receiver of a Number
 of the Estates of the late Hugh Sturges Esq^r, and
 to the Duke's employ, and regarding that we should
 comply with the separate contracts in them, if with
 propriety. Justly we can accede to them, and if we cannot
 them to part out any mode of proceeding, that may
 lead to the same desirable end - we believe you
 know that we are there been discourse of terminating
 with the Estates that we not part it off for any other
 reason than that of being able in an easy, but what
 equity would there be in paying for lands claimed by
 your grantee.
 When the money shall have gone forward
 hands that it should be found that a fourth or one
 third part of the lands being by a deed grant to other
 persons it would be an unhappy business to be looking
 for it from a number of persons to whom the same
 should have been paid, we cannot therefore propose
 to ourselves comply with the desire of the Estates as
 contained in the Orders.
 But we think there is another mode that
 have writers mentioned it, and that is to sue out
 a writ against the late of lands belonging to the
 late Mr Sturges in the County of Cambridge, which
 must bring the Right Honourable Reporter, to come forward
 with any claims they may have - if they have more the
 business will soon be settled, if on the contrary they
 have

Yours truly
 J. Sturges Esq^r
 11 August 1792
 I am dear Sir
 I am
 of a journey to the place - the journey is
 I am
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"The few lots in Starbridge which were not included in
our purchase" To this we have replied that we conceive
~~that~~ there must be some misunderstanding in this
matter, for that last winter Mr McGill had in con-
-versation with you understood the reason to be that
there was not a competent Court to proceed, if he is
right, now that we presume the impediments to be removed
we wish sincerely that the business may go on, for on
our part there is no other objection to paying the money,
than that of wishing to be safe & secure in the property
as designated by the Titles - But as General Buxton
claims at one end & Sir John Johnson at the other,
and that the sale of the few Lots spoken of must
bring forward their claims or few Starbridge from their
pretensions we are solicitous that Execution should go
against them and therefore request that if not inconsistent
with the duty of your office, you may not prevent it
We have acquainted Mr Mure that we should write
you to this effect it will give us pleasure to know
that you coincide with us in opinion - We are
very respectfully. Sir

Yours very obed^t Serv^t
By Isaac Todd
By James McGill

Mrs Margaret McGill
Montreal 18 Aug^r 1806

My Dear Sister

I have not had the pleasure of hearing
from you since the 18 of June when I last wrote you, but
a Letter from Mr Dunlop to Mr Todd, since received says
you were in usual health and I shall be made happy to
know that your annual trip to Goree has had all the
good Effects which you expect from the summer excursion

I now transmit you first of my Bill on Mr
Paterson, London for £25 Sterling, in favor of our Uncle
Miniaro

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knowing that our Friend Todd has not failed to write
you occasionally. Money is uncommonly scarce, and I believe
Debts come badly in of us very few sales making for Cash,
from the Michilimackinac quarter there are more furs than
usual, but the low price at home diminishes their value greatly
from Detroit, it is said the proportion is not so well, but
the good people that way are not very full in their communi-
cations - we know however that the wheat crop of Upper
Canada is very abundant & altho' in this District of our
Province, some parts are very short indeed, yet upon the
whole it is thought the crop taken together will be ample

I am My dear Sir

Yours very obed^t. Serv^t

Geo^x James McGill

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by Quebec

The Honble
John Hamilton Esq^r

Montreal 18 Aug^r 1806

Sir

The present serves to transmit to you
the Legacy left by my late Brother Andrew to the Royal
Infirmary of Glasgow being Two Hundred Pounds of
Sterling which I enclose first of Exchange, Mr^s Tavis's Testimony
on Mess^{rs} Mr^s Tavis's Treasurers &c London at 90 days
right in my favour and indorsed to your order - and as
Mr James Dunlop of this place one of the Executors is
now at Glasgow, I esteem it proper to enclose him the
present open that on delivery thereof he may take the
necessary Receipt - I am Sir

Yours obed^t. & humble Serv^t

Geo^x James McGill

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by Quebec

Committee of Creditors, will not alter our
intentions, for as soon as we can safely pay
the money it shall be done, and if when we
shall have seen the Attorney General, we can
be satisfied on this head, no unnecessary delay
will take place - But in the mean time
we will not recede to the proposal contained
in their Letter - If delay has taken place,
it is not our fault, for the matter of proceeding
was presented to Mr. McGill to several
of the Creditors, years ago; and why it has
not been presented, we do not know

We return you the Letter &

remains

Sir

Yours &c

J. G.

J. McGill

Lawrence Dooley Esq Montreal 5 Septm 1806

Your note for £205. 7. 6 this Day
and bearing Interest, fell due on the 17th ult. and
I had expected in consequence to hear from you,
but being disappointed, it becomes necessary to
acquaint you that I expect payment of it, I
hope therefore you will remit me the necessary
sum ~~as you can~~ as I have still some personal
Debts of my Debtors to discharge

I am &c

time that we have not had the pleasure of hearing
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from your side of the water, altho the French
would have been wrong some time - I flatter myself
with the hope of soon hearing from you however
and in the mean time - I am with esteem

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dupl. } by Dublin

Dear Sir
of ours &

Mr. John Alcock

Montreal 28 August
1806

Sir

We have been favoured
with your's of the 25th inst. enclosing a letter for
our favour and to be returned with such
answer as we think necessary - most assuredly
we will not allow ourselves to suppose any thing
improper on your part in the Contents of the
letter - To the Persons who have signed, we
owe no answer whatever, the imperfect illustrations
motives which they attributed to us, might influence
them, even they in our situation, and we are
permeated would never have been concerned by
you - The first immediate communication
which we had was yours & been ready to give
respecting the business in question without a
very different conclusion, but the Conduct of

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Montreal 13th Sept 1800

Phillips Bayly Esq^r
 Sir

I wrote you on the 24th July which I hope your account at the I have not since had the satisfaction of hearing from you.

I then mentioned that I had requested John Young Esq^r of Windsor in the State of Vermont to have the Remas in Stanbridge published for sale to mention in the publication that applications should be made to you as agent for the Leeds Press. I desired you also to raise the price on 15th Feb above the rates in the schedule we gave in Jan 1800 I requested also to know whether letters were coming in and what appearance of Crofts & Payments Making now with our Friend Mr Monroth who is going your way, I embrace the opportunity of expressing the letter of 24 July and requesting to hear from you on the same terms mentioned I am Sir

Yours very obed^t Serv^t
 J^r James M^r Esq^r

Isaac Todd Esq^r Montreal 23rd Oct 1800

Dear Isaac

Your favor of the 20th inst by Post gave me great pleasure by informing me that you got well to Quebec, I mean as to health, for the voyage must have been uncomfortable. I am very sorry that on going to Quebec, instead of finding yourself freed from trouble, you have now matter of an unpleasent nature to encounter, in an I am surpris'd that our Friend Letter should feel that at the mode which has been adopted of leaving out the Firm of the Home, as Merchants to

that our great inducement was to keep a share of the Fur Trade, in their Hands, that for 12 or 18 months their advances would be considerable, but that afterwards yearly returns of Furs to extent of £20,000 by to them might be expected and possibly more, as no profits were to be withdrawn before £40,000 were ascertained to be gained. - The Power of attorney to young Brichwood for receiving my Dividends or Interest on Stock, but not to sell, is ready, also a Power to settle with the late Mr. Paterson's Executors; they will owe me about £60 and in January will receive £190, less the Income Tax. - At Barnside all are well & desire best Compliments, at your House every thing is in order, the Farmer has not called upon me, nor has Postelance -

Yours affly
J. M. G.

John Brichwood Jun^r Esq^r Montreal 24 Oct^r 1806
Dear Sir
The death of my respected Friend the late Mr. John Paterson renders it necessary to trouble some of my Friends to receive for me the dividends which accrue on Thirteen Thousand Pounds in the three per cent Consols, and our mutual goods Friend Mr. Todd thinking with me that you would not consider it as a troublesome task, I have had a Power of attorney made out for that purpose, also a Power to settle with Mr. Paterson's Executors. - By J^c rendered me in March he owes £110 in my debt & in July there was due six mo^s dividends £195, less the Income Tax of 10% equal to £19.10, but in course of the season I have drawn for £225, the balance therefore in my favour will be about fifty Pounds

John Henry Esq
Windsor

Dear Sir

Sir the amount of my Transfer
 Mr. Deane's name is now at Dublin, I have received from
 you two letters for him, one in the body of a Deane
 the other relating to the Loan in the Chamber. In
 respect to the former, Mr. Deane asks if it had to come
 of next week will have him to give you an answer
 before you set out on your intended journey, but I
 may mention being in the mean time that so far as
 the subject of a Deane has been regarded, the opinion
 of some of our most intelligent men has been adverse
 to a Chamber. Nevertheless your opinion for, and Deane
 were first by Mr. Deane's, and these accounts - some
 regarding the Loan in the Chamber, the no objection
 either has been made from, and from lobby have a
 return of 1600 Deane being desired at 10 p.m. long
 over - I thought your intention before that before long
 they may have to your Deane - But Deane
 and will be returning you them for the transfer
 you have taken about them, and of opening
 you of the return & report, and the which I was

Dear Sir - I will

November 15. 1706

Montreal 20 November 1806 Wrote to Mr. John
Gillespie. Letter in answer to his letter of the
7th August and requesting him to have a
letter to Pat. Isaac with our compliments to
commence the gift, being from the letter of the
John Pat. Isaac, his mother, and to have a suitable
mourners King, as it was my wish that
his memory should be honored. See entry
Family -

Montreal 3 December 1806, wrote to Mr
Ruelin, at St. Amersfort, enclosing him a
letter from a Daniel Ruelin with proposed
for the Mill lot in St. Amersfort, which contains
about 360 Acres & desiring his opinion thereon.

15 December 1806 wrote to James Dunlop -
4 years ago requesting him to send several Springs
5 pieces of Scots Halloway of price from 2/8 to
4/6 & to have the same insured.

for R.C. - 4 pieces
for J. Ogden & friend

can enable you to attend more particularly to our requests,
and we are persuaded you will not disappoint us.

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We are Dear Sirs

Your very obed^t. Servant
Signed, James McGill

The Rev^d
Mr John Strachan

Montreal 5th January 1807

Dear Sir

as you were so good as to accept of
my Power of attorney for the purpose of preventing waste
being committed on the Lots of Lands belonging to me
in your Neighbourhood and my Friend Mr Paterson,
who is to be the bearer of the present, having informed me
that lately some Persons have cut down several masts
or other Timber upon the same, I take the liberty of
mentioning to you the circumstance and to request that,
not less for justice than for example to others, you would
have the Persons sued for the trespass & damage who
may have committed the depredation, and any expence
that may be incurred I will thankfully pay

Mr Paterson has said he will give you any
assistance within his Power to prevent the like in
future, or in disposing of the Timber which may have been
cut down that can be come at. I beg of you to accept
at this season of the year of my best wishes for your
wellfare and with return of respect, believe me Dear Sir

Your obed^t & very humble servant
Signed, James McGill

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cannot be Taxed by the Prov. Legislature, but if they could
 this would only be increasing the Cost of such Goods
 consequently a Charge on the Province & a diminution of
 Consumption - The best remedy that I see would be to
 allow us in this Country to countervail the duties paid
 on inland exportation by similar duties on Goods coming
 from the States; or if this cannot be done, to obtain a
 certainty of free Trade in the Indian Territory depending
 on the U. States, whether on the East or West side
 of the Mississippi as low down as possible, but by the
 means to include the Missouri to its sources, for unless
 this freedom of Indian Trade can be assured the promotion
 of it must be given up - The returns from the East
 side including the dependences of Detroit may go to
 £40,000 not including the N. U. and from the West
 side they may go to £50,000 more; now if we are
 deprived of both, it is evident that no Goods can be
 consumed, and if of the U. side only it is clear that
 one half of the usual quantity will suffice - of these
 matters I should presume you may be acquainted long
 before we can hear of them in this part of the Country
 and it may be matter of consideration for your House
 and the three others whether the orders sent you for the
 Michilimackinac Trade should be executed in whole, in
 part or not at all; but for my own part I do think if
 the Trade is limited to E. side of the Mississippi or
 that even two or three years are given to wind up, more
 Goods by one half are ordered than necessary, and if
 restricted to within our own territory the table place
 immediately, few or none can be disposed of I know
 not that your House alone should refrain from shipping
 the Goods ordered but I wish the matter to be known
 to the other Houses that you may together act as

may

Montreal 7th Aug^r 1807Philip Ruster Esq^r

Sir

I was favoured very regularly with your Letter of 16th of last Month, returning me Daniel Rowley's Letter and your observations as to the best way of leasing or selling the Lot of Lands in Stanbridge which comprehends the lower falls on Pike River, and I have now wrote to Mr Rowley directed as you point out, referring him entirely to you as Agent for all the Lands in Stanbridge without making him any offer of any kind, he will therefore most likely apply to you, and I am now to give you Mr Todd's true Sentiments on the subject. In the first place we hold that Lot so valuable that unless to a man of very fair Character & good Substance we do not wish it to be either leased or sold, for on the Person who may get the Lot, may depend the sale & selling of great part of the remainder of the Land.

Should such Person offer to pay forty Shillings per acre for the whole 300 acres, of which one half down, one fourth in two years and one fourth in three years, under the obligation of building, great Watermill in one or two years as you may think best, then to sell the Lot, but as to leasing it, we are apprehensive that more waste might be committed than good done & therefore do not much covet that kind of bargain.

As the Legislature is now to meet soon I hope that if it is intended to apply for a Patent to make a turnpike Road that the business will not be delayed for I do not think that the Sessions of the Legislature will be a long one.

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on which the Lot in question is to be leased or sold
and I am Sir Yours very obed^t Serv^t
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J^r James McGill

John Allan Esq^r Montreal 7 Jan^y 1807

My dear Sir
As I am on the eve of my departure
for Quebec, I must no longer delay answering your
various favours of 5 July 4 August and 20th of October
last - and in as much as they relate to the discharge
I have promised to you, depends upon it that so soon
as you have given me a deed or deeds for the Twenty
Lots of Lands of 200 acres each that I shall send it
up, and if death should overtake me before it happens
my Executors will give the discharge - and touching
your Lands on the American Side I willingly give up
all claim to every part of them, I think I can do
without them and I will not be the Cause of your
encountering doubts which may be avoided - Being in
habits of correspondence with Sr Gov^r Gore I have
recommended your son John to Mr Chaboulliez's place
at St Joseph's and if he obtains it, I shall be highly
gratified - He has done me the honor to attend abundantly
to one recommendation, and if Sir John Johnson's
Interests does not stand in the way I entertain good
hopes, that in the present case it may succeed

The Remittance from Mr Braith's of £500
Y^r and of £23.15.3 Mr Gwyn's has been received but
the 100 dollars have not appeared, I must hope they will
before long - As in all matters under your direction
which

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Strength & constitution to be still very good. I hope
think your next will inform me, that you are
much better if not altogether well. It is rather
strange that you have not got any letters from
Canada, except one from Frobisher, but it may be
accounted for in part, by your directions to Messrs
Des Perriers to address you at Boston, for three
weeks, from the time of your leaving this; two of my
letters, if not three were forwarded by that communication
certainly you would receive some of them, soon after
writing your letter of the 7th instant. In my last
from Quebec which I think was of the 12th of this month
I mentioned our knowing of L^d & M^s Bill which was
sent to Mr. D. & C. being protested for nonacceptance,
this occasioned the calling of Mr. Dunn & Mr. Craigie
& Mr. Morrocks to meet Richardson & myself, to consult
on the best means to be adopted and it was agreed
that if something very favorable was not made last
Wednesday this to call a meeting of the creditors, and
to be held the 21st I learn by Post from Quebec
the measure had been entered upon. The Books not
being up there is no saying how their affairs are, but
I fear much they are very bad. To my Grand they are
but little, to myself personally above £500 to F. R. &
above £700 to Mr. Dunn £2000 besides the first
Mortgage, and to Craigie £2500, this last sum he
considers you bound for, on which I can give no opinion,
but it will be a hard case indeed if the Receipts
given for Bills in their own name should attack upon you,
because you were joint agent with them for purchasing
Provisions on the meeting with Richardson, Mr. Dunn,
I was distressed to see the feelings of Mr. Craigie. I suppose
every untoward circumstance which has taken place
for sometime past rushed at once into his mind &
made

made him appear to suffer in an uncommon degree.

This failure will hurt many, & cannot fail of creating great diffidence; the matter of the Braun will be difficult to arrange, and I fear a very heavy loss upon it, were it possible to dispose at first cost of improvements ^{was} Hollis, for in Goddard's retiring, there appeared a loss of £4000, and I think the further loss will be as much more, what a gloomy prospect?

The Two Trade is bad indeed, though all will not God only know. I have a letter from B. D. Hill who so has my House, saying they would accomplish the Matinee Order expressing great thankfulness for your Friendship, mine in taking a part interest to have or please them. But from the House of J. Hill we are no letters, by either the Decr or January mail, know what reason none of us can conjecture. We are anxious to know the contents of the Treaty with our neighbours, we presume the Indian ^{Trade} has been attended to, but if Peace is not soon restored to Germany, the effects will be awful, I hope you will make yourself Master of the subject of sundry Articles to be shipped to N. York, and of the prices that may be obtained sold there - we shall want Money there in the fall, if things do not mend, there may not be safety valuing on Furs going from this to London, were little or nothing is owing on them.

When I left Dubuc, Nelson was well, little James by the misfortune, about a fortnight ago to put his left leg out of joint, he is mending but his arm is in danger - Mrs McGill & the Portious are well & give their warmest Compliments - I am D. Isaac
Yours most affly.
J. McGill

Mr. Andrew J. Swan
1802

Dear Mr. Attorney, I have the honor to receive of the late of London
in handwriting at 2/6 p per to Mr. Turner, the
quantity 32,529 acres, but none of the late Mr. H.F.
in T.D. correspondence, that of the Swanby family
they were always the property to him the purchaser, they were
very unclear but that the money must be paid
by the 15 of October - that I would want to
answer until the 26th instant over no longer
I in the same time, I must express from making
reference to the attorney general as to Mr. H.F.

Robert Attorney Esq.
London 26 June 1802

Dear Sir

I have duly received your
favor of the 21st in answer to your company.
I will return to the 15th of Oct. for receiving
"payment of Mr. Turner's very liberal
I think by the general opinion that the money
for 32,529 acres of land at 2/6 must be paid
coming at that price, when made in one whole
that the money owing to us was in London, and
was not at all in our collection, also the sum
paying in answer my property for London
before receiving it - which Mr. Turner & I
must in our opinion from you that the order

on Lots without right of Title. Such Persons we are not desirous of remain-
-ing but as they have engaged the Lands for some time & no doubt have
made choice of Good Lots, we think they ought to pay the highest rate
according to the class or quality which you shall consider their Lands
to fall under.

And as we consider Messrs. Le Sarron to be a proper Person
for passing of Deeds, you will employ him in that line, & so long as
he has Security on the Lands for the money not paid down. For your
agency in this business we shall allow you five per cent on the
money you receive and pay to us. You will from time to time
inform us how you are going on with any observations you have to
make, and as it may happen that one of us only will answer
your letters & give you further Instructions, you will consider
such answers & Instructions as if coming from us both.

We are Sir

Your very obedt Serv^{ts}

(Signed)

Isaac Todd

James McGill

Additional & notwithstanding the foregoing stipulations, you may
when you find it necessary, that the Applicants are of good Char-
-acter & well affected to the government, extend the time of credit
one or two years more and take one fifth or even a sixth part down,
and you may also allow Settlers to come on under private agreement,
obliging yourself to grant a deed in one or two years but if they do
not then comply with the stipulations of such private agreement
that then they are to give up their improvements without pay or
ward

you are authorized to exchange Lot 15 in Union
Range for Lot 14 in Jerome Range with Solomon
Tompson Jun^r & C. McGill

Montreal 15th June 1802

Philip Rindley Esq

Sir

Being the Trustees of the greatest part of the Township of Sturbridge and desiring to sell the same by single lots or in greater quantities as to you may appear most for our interests and benefit to send you our Power of Attorney, constituting you our Agent for that purpose, and also send you a List of the Townships in which of the list of the ^{legitimate} lots, that are for sale, excepting however lot B. 9 in the 11th Range containing 261 Acres on which there is a mill race & Mill stream.

In disposing of these Lands we think it would be right to divide them into different Heads or Divisions and to make four designations by numbers A. B. C. D the first letter to designate the best & most valuable and descending to the last letter D as the worst of the price to be obtained for the different numbers we must in a great measure depend on your judgement, but we are inclined to think that the following Rates would not be too high Number A 10/6 per acre, no. B 7/6 per acre, no. C 5/6 per acre & number D 3/6 per acre and we would recommend that you endeavour to dispose of the inferior qualities first, or if practicable one Lot of good & one of bad together; but altho these are our Ideas of the value of the Lands we do not mean to restrain you to them unalterably being confident you will act for us candidly & fairly as for yourself; at same time we do not wish you to depart from these prices more than an abatement of six pence per acre, and as to the terms of payment, you must not exceed five years for the last payment & getting paid down one third or one fourth of the purchase money on passing the deed and we wish you as much as possible to avoid selling to other Persons than such as you consider instead settling on the Lots they may purchase, as we do not like to encourage Speculations you will advert that Interest must be paid on the purchase money annually until paid.

We desire that a number of Persons have sat down on