

Fredericton 14th Aug. 1812

Dear Fraser

Your letter of the 14th June has been staring
me in the face every time I went to my work every since I received
it. I left it in that position with a view to answer it the sooner -
But, behold! months have passed by, and your letter is not answered,
I expect you up - Perhaps this was one cause of silence. Harry
is going ~~to~~ going to Quebec tomorrow; by him I shall send
this. You, say regret, you have neglected to compliment me
upon my military promotion. You, too, are high in the Army. I
see by the last Gazette some more promotions for you. Your
Colonel, I find has gone up above me, I hope, left you two si-
tuations to fill: a vacancy in the Legislative Council and a
full Colonel in the Militia. Let my good fellow, Lord Selkirk,
you are perfectly content, as you are with the honors you have
already received and so am I.

We are near the ~~Rock~~ here, but we do not care a
farthing for the Americans; we look down upon them. Our
Canadian promise wonders; not a single disaffected man ap-
pears among them. Perhaps the Canadian rank will not be a success,
for the innovation introduced by the Sovereign of sprinkling them
with English. This is paying you and me, perhaps, a compliment.

Michilimackinac is a great acquisition; I hope it will
never never again be given up. The Indians say that if the English
do not wish to keep it, to give it to them and not to the Americans.
I hope Shi-gan-gan, another American fort, in the same quarter
is taken by this time; if so we shall have all that country, a
lucky thing for the Indian trade.

Eighty Bourgeois and men from Fort William arrived
at Mackinac two days after it was taken. They were to have
been of the party with a great crowd of Indians, but the
Commandant of St-Joseph grew impatient and engaged
in the business, as you have seen in the papers. A small

party

line (?)

Shi-gan-gan

party of the Forty-first Compelled Governor Hull to re-
trace his steps to his own ground. General Brock with a
party of 500 have since gone in pursuit of that Boaster, no
doubt he shall give a good account of him.

But we expect peace: the late news from England, the diffi-
culties among the people of the United States and the strong Warier
there see in the Canadians to hope such an event as war
is hand. Yet a little fighting would do the Canadians good.

You would have heard that Mr Donald McTavish, Mr John
MacDonald, Mr James Hughes are arrived from the North West.
No particular news from that quarter; the returns are inferior
to the returns of last year. Mr David Thompson has found
the sea at the entrance of the Columbia. His Astor's Colony
has already advanced into the interior within three days of our
establishments. Mr ^{James} ~~John~~ McInnes and Mr David
Stewart. It is to be feared that Alexander McTay, poor fellow,
was in the vessel that was blown up on the coast. My brother
party had not joined the others in November but there was
some account of them, they were in the Snow-
tains. Mr John Macdonald left the Colum-
bia only the 25th of May. What do you think
of that! — We are going to send a ship
there by the N W Coast. Mr J McLarick is
to have the charge.

David Thompson, bag and baggage, is co-
ming down to reside at Terrebonne; you
will recollect it was I that acted the par-
son when he took Charlotte by the hand;
Poor fellow! that is all.

Your friend, our doctor is well — he was
quite happy at your promotion. I am real-
ly sorry that you and he are not on the
footing which you ought to be, I sincerely
hope that you will make it up.
When do you come to Terrebonne?
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The people of this village live as usual on good
terms, a rare thing.

I Harry who goes off early in the morning is
waiting for my despatches. I forgot to inform
you that we have been drilling here this month
and a half, and that we have made great
proficiency in the Exercises; I have kept
in the ranks myself, but still feel stiff
and awkward. Some of the gentlemen who
are younger do better. Our teacher has left
us at this date, notwithstanding. The
parade will continue as regularly as
usual. All the N. W. boys are doing very
well, we have a good school. Adieu!

God bless you

Mrs McKeuzie sends her love

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