

Letter  
Re Treaty  
to Aug<sup>t</sup> 1886

MCGILL UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES	
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Antigonish Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1854

Mr James Dawson

Dear Sir I expect you are thinking long to hear from me concerning Boyd although I am very negligent in writing I have not forget to attend to your business whatever may be the result, I tried Boyd in the winter in the different ways you mentioned but he would not agree to any of them and promised he would pay it all up in a month or so and put me off from time to time in this way and as he could not be sued till the Court in June I thought better not to quarrel with him but rather coax him until then, but finding that he intended going to the States sometime in May I placed the note into Daniel Mc Donald Esqr hands with orders not to let him away unless he settled or made confession which he did and Mr Mc Donald got out a judgement and put it on record some time ago but seeing that his property was gradually disappearing we took out an execution and the <sup>Sheriff</sup> has levied this day upon about £50 worth of Stoves, Books, a clock and several other articles that we thought would surely cover the debt nearly all that was in his shop that was

worth seizing Mr Boyd has not yet returned from  
the States and his Brother a young lad who takes charge  
in his brothers absence is very anxious that there should be  
no sale made till his brother returns as he expects him  
in a few days and has offered that he would <sup>make</sup> up for ~~it~~  
himself and give security that none of the articles would  
be removed without the Sheriffs consent provided they  
would be left where they are for sometime. It would certainly  
be a bad time to make a sale at present as there are very few  
country people can leave their hay to attend any thing and  
the articles would be completely sacrificed but still  
as they are, there is some risk if Boyd were coming home  
and dissatisfied he might cause some trouble which neither  
the Sheriff nor I like to be wholly responsible for, Under  
the young mans care they are perfectly safe I believe and we  
may see what security he will give but the Sheriff would  
like that you would share the responsibility with him  
Please to let me know what you wish me to do

If you have a copy of the News of the Churches or con-  
soon get one send it with all the back numbers <sup>of the present year</sup> to Mr  
William Chisholm of Spring, Antigonish and I will  
secure you the payment

Yours &c  
Robert Trotter