

P. S. Please give Hamilton our correct address, as he seems to have got the impression that Little Metis is in Murray Bay.



Little Metis, Lu.,  
21<sup>st</sup> June, 1876.

My dear Principal

Mrs. Dawson  
may feel quite easy about  
the finishing of the house.  
I have not been in  
your house for a day or  
two, but I shall see  
it before I send this  
off. Meanwhile I have  
no doubt that, before  
the 28<sup>th</sup>, the whole of  
the inside will be com-  
pleted, except perhaps

any little point that may  
have been overlooked  
or may require to be  
altered. I am very  
much pleased with the  
inside arrangements  
of your house, and the  
work seems better than  
Darey and I got on  
ours. The outside Col.  
owing, as I anticipated,  
doesn't please my eye;  
but your upper gallery  
commands a more mag-  
nificent view than any

of us can shew. No one  
can ever tire of sitting  
before such a prospect.

Of Rankine's work  
and mine the less said  
the better. It would have  
been successful, however,  
if we <sup>had</sup> had fences; for I  
observe the green wood  
shooting on branches  
which have not been  
nibbled by the sheep.

Mrs. Murray has  
sent a woman to scrub  
your house today, so  
that some of the rooms  
will be ready to receive

the articles unpacked by  
Rankine when he comes.  
We have a young friend  
occupying our spare room  
just now, else I should  
have liked him to take  
up his quarters with us.  
If we can be of any  
service to make your  
settlement here more  
comfortable, we hope  
you will let us know.

The weather, I  
may say, has been charming  
since we came down.

With kind regards to  
all, ever yours truly,

J. Clark Murray