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Peter C. Sept 11.

Dear Margaret

I enclose a letter which I intend to take with me to Antigua and put there. Since I last wrote, I have been at several places in this vicinity, but without any incidents worthy mention.

Yesterday I attended preaching by Mr McLeod a free church minister, passing through this place. He left today by a vessel on his way to Peter. I wish I could have gone with him, but must wait till tomorrow morning, and go by the post in order that I may fulfil my engagement to visit the

Copper river again. I trust we  
shall have a fine day, as the weather  
then now seems settled. As my  
father mentioned in his last that  
he would write to Antigonish, I can  
scarcely expect a letter from home to  
night, but will probably find it wait-  
ing for me in Antigonish. You may  
be sure that I am not sorry to have  
so near a prospect of being home, though  
on the whole my excursion has not  
been disagreeable, and I am in per-  
son more the worse except brown hands  
& feet. I can scarcely say the same  
of my habiliments which are in some  
parts in a rather tattered condition <sup>state.</sup>  
However that matters less. I have  
good reason to be thankful for the com-

Trained as captain from accident of  
ship.

I shall write no more at present,  
having little time and little to say,  
so I shall wish you all happiness,  
and a pleasant meeting with your  
dear husband.

William

(Autograph Tuesday 1/2 past 4.) Just ar-  
rived here - Had a smart shower  
on the road - Quite well. Have  
recd yours and am happy to hear  
that all are well. I leave to morrow  
morning if fine for St Marys, and unless  
the weather be very bad, will be back here  
on Friday - so farewell till Saturday

William

Please ask father to remind McDonald  
of the Napier reports. I would have written  
but have little time. I may do so by the courier.