

Rievriere du Pat [Pas?] January 6 1841

Reverend and Dear Sir, [Reverend Smithurst]

I esteem it not only a duty but a pleasure to forward to you an account of this place as opportunity occurs. I am still through mercy continued in the land of the living, and also [blessed?] with a measure of health and strength to pursue the duties of my station.

And I'm happy to state for your information that we find the Natives more inclined to reform than they were at first, and are now constant members of our little assembly. In fact we have all the Indians belonging to this place ( I mean those of them that reside at the Pat during Winter ) for there are a number of them that are obliged to dispersement about the neighbourhood for the purpose of hunting Furs, and getting their living, but the number that reside here are constant at our meetings, together with

degree as formerly with their conjurations, of making up their medicine for when they were met here last fall for that purpose they were not a little ashamed, after I had endeavoured to explain to them the evil of such proceedings, for they went up the distance of some miles from here to have fair-play at the old work. This I think is one proof that the Indian

Their children, make a number consisting of 53, twenty of whom are children who attend the School , and the rest Adults. I begin to entertain some hope for these Indians here in for instances which I shall mention; the first is ,---they have not carried on to such here , is beginning to feel ashamed of his old ways,---and the second is that we have had some of them come forward and seriously enquire after truth; ---and in some other instances which I might mention, indeed the most of them seem to say that they intend to reform their lives by and by, and it is a difficult matter to convince them, that now if they will hear

this voice, to harden not their hearts.  
Oh! That the Lord would make them  
willing in the joy of his power  
and that the Lord of the Vineyard  
would send forth labourers into his  
Vineyard.----For if ever mercy and  
activity were necessary to relieve the  
moral and spiritual degradation of  
the Indian here, call fir the exercise  
of both in the most unlimited extent.  
----May the Lord make me faithful  
In this Field of usefulness, now I  
would humbly beg of you , My Dear  
Sir, to pray for me that I may  
be taught of the Spirit of God, and  
thereby be enabled to instruct others.

The good and wise God has been pleased  
to take to himself our Dear little  
daughter, who departed this life  
16<sup>th</sup> September last, aged 10 months &  
16 days, the Lord is our only consolation  
under this bereavement. I hope, Sir,  
you will excuse the liberty I have  
taken in writing to you, and

please to give my respects to Mr J. Booke  
and his lady---

My Wife desired to be kindly remembered  
to you.----and believe me My Dear  
Sir,---I am with much respect  
And Affection.---Your  
Obedient Humble Servt.

Henry Budd

Riviere du Pat [Pas?] January 11<sup>th</sup> 1841

Reverend and Dear Sir

I received your favour of Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1840 and I assure you it gave much pleasure and satisfaction to discover that you were not unmindful of your unworthy Servant as to write me such a letter full of Instruction and encouragement. I thank you most kindly, for the pains you have taken in instructing me in the work of the Lord, may I be faithful therein! I have read over your kind letter, with the greatest attention, and believe me, Dear Sir, I shall endeavor with the Divine Blessing, to make good use of it. I have to acknowledge the receipt of a [Recommendatory sic] Epistle which is necessary to introduce me to Mr. McPherson at Cumberland, and which authorized me to receive from him the sum of Fifty pounds.

In making our little buildings, which consists of a little Store 15 ft. square, and a School-room 20 ft. by 18, we have incurred some expenses

some of which stand unpaid. The Store I got it built myself, squared the timber in the woods and put it up, this one was not very expensive, only I had to give one of the Children's Blankets 2 ½ pound ---for the getting of Bark to cover it with, and a yard of Tobacco to Mr. Turnor for helping me to put the frame. As for the School-House I had to buy it from Mr. Turnor where it was standing and remove it to this spot. The fall of the year was coming upon us , and it was very bad in getting Timber in the woods, in summer time, for there is only one ox of the Turnor's, so I thought it prudent to buy this House from him for a School, and it's the value of this house where it was standing that is not paid to him yet, because I did not know how to proceed before I had information from you. And in removing this house, helping me to remove it and put it in order for the winter. I have paid him a Cask of Flour & one Blanket 2 ½ pds. And 2 Fathoms of Tobacco. I took this man to Cumberland in order

to get him paid for his house at my Charge, but Mr. McPherson could not advance me so he continues unpaid for his house, only for his work. The rest of the blankets, I have given them to the children, out of three I gave 1 Blanket to 2 because [their sic] was not enough to give them 1 each. We have three remaining. The Tobacco is nearly spent purchasing meat, Fish, etc., and given some of it for work. The ammunition, we have some remaining besides what was just used for hunting geese. Twine is all made into nets but we are doing very little with them this winter. There is no whitefish here in the winter. Nails we have used the most of them on cover windows etc., and as for the Flour, though, I have all along used the utmost caution In dealing our Flour, yet we find that we have got well on with it, having it twice every day in soup with some fish, it is no wonder that it is going fast away, but we expect that soon we will have fish in the River, and then Flour once a day will be sufficient. Flour is the article that I have always cooked in from, as our chief standby, and

therefore have always measured it out with caution. Several times we have been trading fish with Flour, but as to giving Flour in every other Article, for the purposes of inducing the Indian, to give up his children, that I don't mean to do, because we would have more children, than what we now got; if we had the means of keeping them, (I mean not even to receive them), and they are allowed by that means, to go with their parents, --- our little fellows are getting on slowly with their learning, because I have no time to attend to them daily. I have our Firewood for 2 chimneys to cut and haul. Besides Fishing to do which always keeps my hands full of employment. As to my prospects in bringing cattle here by land, I know it is possible to bring them, I have been talking to Mr. Turnor about this cattle, he will have next next spring 5 milking cows, 1 ox, 1 bull, and 2 calves, and he says what he could spare of them, he would willingly sell, and Sir: there is cattle at Cumberland and two days walk from here and according to your wish I have to inform you that I know of no other place for the formation of a settlement. The ground here is long but rather limited in its growth. The soil is good and productive.

With best wishes for your health and [welfare sic]  
I am. My Dear Sir, Your Humble Sevt. --- Henry Budd

Riviere du Pat July 14<sup>th</sup> 1841

Dear Reverend Sir

I had the pleasure of receiving Your papers of June 21<sup>st</sup>/41 and I wish to send you an exact information of every thing about this place, which you requested, but I must be as brief as possible , for the men are in a great hurry to get away, they arrived here all safe on the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst. with their cargo all safe. They were obliged as you authorized them to give the Indians at the great falls 1 Cask of Flour, for assisting them with their Boat, the Cask they there emptied they left at the place, and the Casks of last year which are 30 in number are to be returned now by the Boat. I was obliged to cut one of them in the summer, for carrying mortar into, and 1 Cask we left last year at the same place, and when the men took back before the four which contained their provisions they brought back to you, which makes the full number of Casks of last year. I return them all in good order the hoops all drove tight.  
I shall do my utmost to go by your instructions

as it respects the clothing for the children.  
I have answered all your questions except one,  
Which Mr. Turnor is not able to answer yet, as he  
never sells cattle for money: he always gets  
goods for his cattle from the Gentlemen that pass  
here, (I mean the 16<sup>th</sup> question). I think I informed  
you before, that he has 7 heads altogether, and only one  
ox that is fit for hauling, all the rest Cows,  
Heifers, and calves. Mr. Turnor told me to give  
you information that you can go by the prices  
ar R.R. considering that his cattle are not  
of the same Breed . They never have calves [untill sic]  
they are full three years old, and also to give a little  
allowance for the trouble & expense he had bring-  
ing them here from Swan River. He can let you  
have the half of his cattle at the rate you shall  
propose. As it respects the book No5 in which  
you wish me to mark the number of children  
present in school each day, I shall forward to  
you a copy at such times as I find the means of  
doing so. But concerning what you said  
about getting my supplies from R.R., I was quite  
at a loss about it and I applied to the Gentleman  
on charge at Cumberland, to get an order of such  
necessary things as I require from York  
Factory, well knowing that I would pay

well for the freight, but I would not do better as I did not expect to get from R.R. my own supplies, more than I sent for. But I thank you Dear Sir for sending me these necessaries when I was much in need ; supposing that I received the articles I sent for by the Company's Boats, it will be sufficient for the next year, so that I shall not require any thing much for the next year . I have the same mind with yourself respecting this, that it is far best for me to get from R.R. all my supplies after this. The clothes you sent me for myself are very acceptable, namely the Black coat & Vest, and also a great coat and thank you for charging them the first cost, or London prices. The rest of the Articles and [cloaths sic] for Mrs. Budd are very suitable. She is sorry that we have given you so much trouble in getting these things, and thanks you for the Articles which you sent out of your own store and not charged for them. I gave a note to the Company to receive pay either from the Office at R.R. or from you, and you will please to let me know when or how they have been paid. I think I have nearly given you most of the information you wanted for this time. I would however mention that to you a number of

Indians would farm and live in houses , but they have not the means, hoes and Nets is two principal things they require to commence with, and I am firmly persuaded that they cannot begin without these.. They want something to encourage them for it is very hard to make them believe what we tell them of the future, unless they see something at the present. They tell me the Company promised them hoes, nets etc. to begin with , but there is nothing of that to be seen, or heard of, which gives them a great deal of discouragement. There is one of them a chie belonging to the Whitefish River is getting on very well with all his young men. He farms on an Island not far distant, and will I expect have a good crop. This man is in a [hopefull sic] state. He comes to our meetings regularly though he has the distance of some miles to come.. He puts ten children to the school of his own besides some others. He has lived in a house this long time, but it is now in a bad state. I wish I was able to help him. Dear Sir, please to give me information how I can pay anyone here for work. I mean if I may pay out of the goods you sent. Mr. Turnor is the only one that I can hire for work , at times. Beardy's children are going back to R.R. Henry, Elizabeth, Anna Bella, it is their own desire to do so, we have plenty working then to do at the Sunday School, but I cannot keep them from going . They have made very little progress in learning as they come and stop when they like. Beardy himself is well & his wife.

I am your Humble Servant  
Henry Budd

Cumberland January 12<sup>th</sup> 1842

Dear Reverend Sir

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your much esteemed wish to see very interesting letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. last, as well as to thank you kindly for the trouble You have taken in purchasing for me, the Articles Requested.

I have disposed of the clothing for the children The best way I could, each of the girls ( being 15 in number) has according to your directions got a cloth gown a handkerchief and a blanket and likewise the Boys (being 12 in number) has got a [board?] of [ ? ] made from the leather, a jacket from the cloth, a handkerchief and a blanket each the cloth was [ ? ] upon us, and also did the leather, but by carefully cutting out for them I almost [ ? ] them all except but for one boy who came in lately, even the leather is hard to get [ ? ] as the Moose Deer is getting quite meagre, the Indians always hunting them, and driving them far into the forest, but however I expect that when the Indians [ ? ] [ ? ] in [joining?] their hunt, I should then be able to get a { ? } of leather for the boys that are wanting.

I could not help giving the children their clothing before the time you had mentioned, because they were quite naked, although I was well aware of this consequence that they would have them all to pieces before the spring and indeed I think there is nothing better for them than leather if it could be got, cloth is too simple for these children who have been accustomed to wrestling & tearing from their childhood. As to their summer clothing it is all there but some of them are now nearly grown up that I'm afraid the striped cutting will not go far amongst them but [ ? ] it together with the Russia sheeting I shall (if spared) by the first of April next dispose of it the best way I can.

the Wesleyan Missionary (Mr. James Brass) passed at the Pas the last [ ? ] in September on his way up towards the Company's posts up the Saskatchewan he calls on, lodges in our house. And I did [ ? ] [very?] [enjoy?] to treat him kindly.

We are all very happy of your kind intention To come and visit us in June next. I can assure you Dear Sir, that some of the most enlightened of them were wishing that some one would come and baptize their children, & baptize, and marry themselves. Themselves they

were even desiring me to write to you by this opportunity, to try if possible to come and give them a visit the next summer.

The Indian here is very poor and great many of them would wish to be civilized, they are much in debt to the Company, which I am afraid will take a long time to get them clear, they are beginning to perceive the advantage of having houses and farming and some of them are getting Timber now to put up the next summer.

I shall endeavor to ascertain as early as possible who wish for baptism and give them all the instruction in my power, so as to make them fully aware of the the solemn engagement into which they are to enter with Almighty God.

As it respects the timber for a house which you mention in your last. I have got the wood squared last winter, and the frame up last fall, a house 21 feet by 16 clear, it is all up covered and all, ready for the chimney and the plastering, but I am afraid that I cannot without much trouble get the consistency of boards and plank required , for the inside work, without a pitsaw, and indeed there is no one that understands any thing

about making a house well in this place  
if you cannot assist us with a workman  
from R.R. I shall not be able to get it finished.  
If this is the house which you mentioned you  
will find it up, and if not, I will try and  
get the wood of it now in the winter.

There is one thing which I was wishing to  
acquaint you with , and that is, Mr. MacPherson  
has told me not to trade any leather from  
the Indians, nor and yet to give them any work  
now in the winter season; you can therefore  
see plainly that that we are very badly off, for want  
of a good and sturdy man to do our work,  
otherwise I am not able to sit and teach the children  
and Indians as I would wish.

Our fishery this winter is very poor, which  
makes an additional burden to us, and greater  
anxiety of mind. I am always working at the  
nets, and making very little out of them. The  
water is so low that there is no fish to be  
caught, but I have been thinking that if we were  
to provide plenty of Twin and make a full  
fishing the next fall , as the Company does, we would  
not be troubled with fishing all winter. There  
is a Lake only a day's journey from here, where  
there is good white fish, wherein the Company's  
people take as much as they want.

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[ refers to the first page of the  
cross-writing original  
letter was handwritten on]

We require to send a good Indian to the fishing place in the fall and furnish him with a canoe and some nets; he would require to have at least eight nets, 2 Skeins in each of Twine No 2 for the Lake. The man would require to be fishing for three months together and his wages would be according to his work in that time. As for the travelling of the fish to the Pas, I am trying to keep as many Kegs as I can for the purpose and our own boys are old enough some of them to assist in bringing home the fish; in fact Twine and Ammunition is the chiefest Article we have to spend in the support of the Children, and Twine is most useful of the two, because we use it all summer and winter, even if you were to send a good stock of Twine and less flour we would find that the Twine would go farther than the flour and perhaps not so expensive to get it brought. I have got an old Indian that I thought would be able to attend the fishing, and firewood for this Winter; but is a sickly person and therefore , I am obliged

to see after him, and often have to do the work myself.  
I promised to give him what you thought proper  
when the Boat arrived next June.

But my Dear Sir, I am making too free, and  
I hope you will excuse the freedom with which  
I have written to you.

I therefore conclude by praying to the God of all  
mercy that he would bless and crown your work  
of faith, and labour of love, and give you an  
abundant entrance into his heavenly kngdom.

Mrs. Budd's kind respects to you, and wishes to be  
Kindly remembered to Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

With best wishes for your health and [wellfare sic]

I am my Dear Sir  
Your very Hum. & Obt. Servant  
Henry Budd

Riviere du Pas Cumm. 10<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1842

My Dear and Respected Sir

Being spared by the Divine mercy, and preserved by the power of our Lord, I am greatly honoured by being permitted to write you a few words as opportunity again offers, conscious that perhaps I did not give satisfaction in my last, respecting the information I gave you concerning the state of this mission.

As I have no doubt you might sometimes feel a kind solicitude to know the scale of my mind as it respects personal religion. My outward circumstances have hitherto been unfavourable to my spending my time and to my engaging in devotional exercises in that regular order on which the life and growth of Personal piety as much depend. I hope soon to have a better opportunity of cultivating and enjoying the religion of the closest and I hope I do at times feel the love of God shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost. Since my arrival in this place, God has been pleased to favour me again with some of those visits of his grace which I formerly enjoyed. He has shown me the depravity

of my heart, and the evil in such a manner, as to make me feel that I richly deserved the fiercest token of his wrath forever . Such at times have been my views of the grace of Christ, and the glories of the heavenly word, that I have deserved to devote the whole remaining period of my life entirely to his service. Remembering my past unfaithfulness, and want of progress in divine things, I have desired to reach forward unto those things which are before, and to pass towards the mark for the prize of the high call of God in Christ Jesus.

In this place, and about the neighbourhood there are probably thousands of souls that are perishing for lack of knowledge a large part of whom have never heard of the grace of the gospel of Christ. To some few we have gained access. Oh that I could point those willing to hear of the lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. This I sometimes try to do; but how imperfectly! But I do rejoice in the hope, that before long, my mouth will be opened, and God will bless the instructions given them in much

weakness. My mind is much occupied on Divine things, and much in prayer to God for this people. My thoughts are continually employed about them, how I shall address them, how I may best persuade them, and how I can most successfully recommend to them Christ and his gospel,. When shall the Sun of righteousness arise to enlighten this dark corner of the earth.

I think that I informed you already the numbers of our hearers , and also the number of children at School. The school list of children at the Sunday School varies from 40 to 45 , and the Dayschool 30; these are learning to read and spell in the first and second parts of the Child's first book, and some of them read well in the Parables & Discourses of our Saviour. I have commenced writing on the slates;; but the biggest of them are always out, with their books to catch fish which impedes their progress much.

I am not yet, been able to ascertain how many Indians will be applying for Baptism next summer, and marriage also. The fur that I have seen, I trust you will find satisfactory. The Wesleyan Missionary is [coming sic] down early in the month of May, to Cumberland, and to stay while there, I believe to baptize & many each of the Indians, or may apply for it, this I am not very sure, but I am informed.

You will Please to bring us, a good stock of the first

Books, Alphabets, New Testaments, the Adult Indians are always applying for books of this sort, & also the Company's Servants at Cumberland. Slates at least 12 dozen, will also be required soon. We find the lessons boards very useful for the young, & will thank you for more of them. I was also wishing to have a good Dictionary, if you will be kind enough to procure me one at my charge.

Most of the Indians here, are wishing to live in houses, cultivate the ground, and keep cattle, but they are very poor, and have not wherewith to begin.

I feel great reluctance to be too burdensome on the Society, for my great supply; but I feel it is a duty incumbent upon me, to mention, that we require a little goods, for to get my work done. I have a house 21 feet by 16 clear, standing at this bank, one end of which, I was wishing to get finished for your reception, while you stay next summer, but I am afraid I shan't be able, for want of the money.

It will be prudent for you to ascertain in time, whether we have full authority to make the Indians settle here, because there is a little noise amongst some of them about it; a Canadian settler, named Constant, his oldest son seems to claim this ground.

I am . my Dear Sir --- your Humble Servt.

Henry Budd

Riviere du Pas July 1th 1842

Reverend & Dear Sir

I know not whether this will find you in time, or not. Should it find you in time before you send off the parcel to us; you will favour me, by sending a couple of [Pencels sic]. I mean lead Pencels. I cannot find my Pencil that I had in use when you [ was sic[ here, and I am afraid I shall be badly off without one for the Class Book.

Things continue much the same as when you left. I have settled with Mr. Turnor with nearly all we owe him for his work, except a little better than twenty shillings worth, which I could not at present pay him. He has been for bark for the roof of the two houses which you put up, for which he has already got his due, and Henry Flett is to go soon and cut down more building logs to finish the two houses. I have also given Constant( the old man)2 ½ yds.Cotton,1 Hdkf.[handkerchief?]&1 yd. Tobacco for the little we owe him. And the petty debts that was lying against us, are all paid , with such articles as we, in the present circumstances could afford to part with. All the Indians you saw here, are all gone off, to hunt the Moose Deer; they left here the next morning



after you went, most of them are not to be back all the month of September; it struck me after they went off, that you meant we should send you the paper containing a petition for a Clergyman, in order that you might send it to England this fall by the Ship; but I was not very certain of it, otherwise I would have detained them one day more, in order that they might sign the Petition, and they will be so long before they come back that I'm afraid it will be too late for the Ship.

The Chief ( young Constant) is gone off this morning to Fort Pelly ( Mr. Todd's place) in order to see some Indians there, Chief in Medicines. I think according to his talk he is wishing to explain to them, that for his part he is willing to take our advice & be civilized, and if they but let him & his people alone that they will follow the advice that you gave them, --- I can perceive that our Chief is beginning to alter a little , he came to me the last Evening, and asked to read and explain a portion of Scripture to him, a thing which he never did before since I have been here. I have often talked to him privately, on matters of Religion but I could never before perceive that he was really

desirous of knowing the truth [untill sic] this spring  
as I forgot to tell you, he acknowledged that  
he and his people were in the wrong, and that  
the word of God was was right. After questioning  
him a little, and found his answers very satisfactory,  
I began with reading to him the fall of Man,  
& and explained to him, how he and his {forfathers sic}  
had lost the Knowledge of God, and consequently  
had lost all claim to his favour, and this  
Knowledge could never have been obtained, had not  
He in mercy revealed it unto us in his word.  
He seemed to listen with attention at what was said  
and then expressed a wish that he was among those people  
who are called Praying people, if once he could break  
the chain, by which Sin and Satan had bound him, --- .  
I gave him all the encouragement in my power, and told  
him to come to Christ, and he would there find a  
Friend of Sinners.

I am not able to send my invoice for the next  
year's supplies this time yet, but I will try and send  
it by the next opportunity, together with Mr. Turnor's, &  
my Mother's, so that you will receive it in good time  
to purchase the goods required. --- With best wishes  
for your health and usefulness, and praying that your labours  
may be blessed with an abundant success. ---I am ---

My Dear Sir, --- Your humble Servt. H Budd

Riviere du Pas August 9 1842

Dear Reverend Sir

Enclosed with this you will find  
an Invoice of Supplies No. 1 sent on my private Acc.  
an Invoice of Supplies No. 2 sent on my Mother's Acc.  
An Invoice of Supplies No. 3 sent on John Turnor's Acc.

With respect to my own account, whatever sum the  
balance will amount to, that shall be to my credit  
for the year's Salary, you will please to put the  
same to the £ 45 -0-0 now on the Company  
Books to my favour. Mr. Hector McKenzie will be  
kind enough to show you that I left the said  
sum in his hands on leaving Red River, the  
balance of last year's acc., namely £ 3 or 4-101/2  
can be put to it.

With respect to the Balance due to me, for  
the Fifty Pound bill, deposited at Cumberland, I shall  
when I leave from Mr. Harriet the sum of the balance,  
send it to you when I next write, which you  
will be pleased to put with the rest, when you receive it.  
With regard to my Mother's acc. She will of course have  
the whole of her £ 5.

And with regard to John Turnor's Acc., he will  
I dare say , have the whole of his £ 8.

Things continue much the same, as when you left;  
the Chief and I have been out measuring the lots  
across the River, before he went off, to be ready for  
any of the Indians that might wish to take his lot  
when he comes in. They are not come back yet  
from their hunt, except one family, one that you did  
not see, it is Constant's Son-in law. I believe  
that most of them feel inclined to execute your instruction  
respecting the building of themselves houses & cultivating

the soil, as far as in their power.  
I am afraid this will be a bad year for getting fish  
for the children, on account of the shallowness of the Rivers,  
the fish has no passage to come to the wires and the  
few, very few indeed, that we can catch from this  
river is far from being sufficient: they have lived  
mostly on fowl, & Flour since you left. With all  
the caution that we take, they have now done with  
4 Barrels of their flour. I conceive no other remedy, than  
by making our Nets as soon as possible, and send off  
to fish at the fishing place, beyond the wire..

We have been clearing some more ground for planting

more potatoes and the Potatoes you planted before the door are getting on well, and we are to commence to the Girl's room, as soon as hay-making is over.

The Articles required for the establishment, are, a plough, a harrow, hoes, hatchets; and Charles Cook & David Bell [has sic] requested me, to send to you for some Tin lamps. We cannot have too much Twine here for nets No.1, some No.4 Twine, and No.9. Ammunition & Tobacco, there is a demand for those things, often made by the Indians for what fish, fowl and meat they can get. We would find a few bags of Pemmican very handy for the children, for sometime there can be no fish caught for them were it not for good Providence which sends us fowl; when we have no fish. I do not know what we should do for their breakfast some mornings. We find the bag of fat very handy. Anything else that we might be in want of, I leave it to your own judgment.

I hope Sir --- that my earnest desire for your [welfare sic] will plead an excuse, for the freedom I have taken to write you so freely.

With best wishes for your health, and happiness, that you may long continue to win many souls to Christ, & hereafter be crowned with an abundant entrance into his heavenly rest --- I remain, my Dear Sir

Your humble Servant

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Henry Budd

Names of the School children who are not baptized ---

[Back of page –spelling may be inaccurate]

- 1 Wafrason
- 2 Paasitafiew
- 3 Wawanekafrawit
- 4 Kamenafrawafiew
- 5 Tatawekisikoo
- 6 Quaquataskamikineuw
- 7 Aaskeakoofraham
- 8 Weyafrequanape
- 9 Machwayaskooskam

Invoice  
of Supplies and Sundries

1842

Invoice  
of supplies in my private Account  
August 8<sup>th</sup> 1842  
No. 1

.1 Pair Trousers fine black cloth or 1 ¼ fine br. Cloth  
15/10 10yd. Brown Merino a gown price  
4/8 2 Coloured muslin Hfe womens wear  
J/R 1 coloured silk ditto --- --- --- ---  
.8 Do [ ? ]  
.10 yd. Striped [ ? ] cotton  
.12 lbs. Soap  
2/11 1 lb. coloured thread  
.12 lbs Teas  
.1 Keg Sugar  
7/4 2 Fine cotton Shirts  
.5lbs. white cotton  
10 yd. dark Tartan A gown piece  
2 pn 1 Pair Cotton Womens Stockings  
4/8 4 lbs. coffee  
1/8 2 lbs. Pepper  
. 2 8oz. Gilt Buttons  
9 3 8 oz. small Shirt Buttons

4/ 1 ½ 5 yds. Lining for Trousers bands gowns etc  
 8 cwt. Flour  
 1 Keg Butter  
 15 lbs. Gun Powder  
 15 lbs. Shot  
 . 14 yds. Painted Cotton  
 . 1 Pair small Boys 7/a shoes & stockings 2/6  
 6 yds. Black Narrow Ribbands  
 . ¼ Fine Black Cloth  
 11 --- 2 bunches Narrow Tape  
 1 oz. coloured silk  
 2/8 1 yd. white cambric for childs caps  
 3 ½ doz. Sewing Thimbles  
 1 Caping Comb 1 pr side Do. For Mrs. Budd  
 ¼ 2 small bunches narrow Trimming  
 601 --- 2 Good Buffalo Robe large  
 4/5 + 48 1 Brass Candle Stick & a snuffers. & 2 Balls Cotton Wick 4 ---  
 6 salt lambs well cured  
 2 7 oz. Do. Tongues --- ---  
 33/4 16 Good Tartin for childrens wear  
 6/8 1 Large Tin Kettle  
 7/3 1 half silk shawl for Mrs. Budd  
 2 Papers Needles & some writing paper  
 .

6 lbs Plumbs & little currants & Rice

[ ? ] 15/6

11 // 16 // 7 ½  
8    3    4 ½

Mr. Smithurst will be pleased to charge for the  
Book already wrote for, out of the rest of my Salary,  
At any rate he thinks proper: they are the following

- 1 Arithmetic , with the key in which every sum is properly stated and wrote full out (for the School)
- 1 Geography, suitable for instructing oneself ( for myself)
- 1 Book Keeping ,both by single and double entry ( for myself)

Or any other good book that might be thought useful

Supplies on my Mother's Account      1842  
No. 2

		“	“	“
.1	Blk white 3 pt	“	13	2
	3 yds. Hudsons Bay Cloth	1	4	6
	1 Buffalo Robe	“	10	“
.	4 yds. Striped Cotton	“	6	8
.	4 Handkerchief cover	“	4	“
	½ lb. coloured Thread	“	1	6
.	3 lbs. Soap	“	3	“
.	2 Paper Needles	“	“	6
.	3 lbs. Tea	“	10	6
.	20 lbs. Sugar	1	5 0 4	181/2
	1 Pair cheap spectacles			
	1 large trading knife	“	“	7

Supplies on John Turnor's Account      1842 £  
No. 3      £ & p

		1	7	“
.	3 yds light blue cloth	“	12	0
	8 lbs. Gun Powder	“	6	80
	10 lbs. Shot	“	2	0
	3 lbs. Ball	2	0	10
	3 “5” 4 5 yds Hudsons Bay Cloth	“	15	0
.	3 lbs. Soap	1	13 10 5	12 10
	13/4 10 yds. Striped Cotton	“	3	“
.	3 bone cotton Hkfs	1	6	“ 1 6
2/11	1 lb. Thread Coloured	5	“	“
	The rest in Tobacco			

Yd.  
41 ½  
61 ½ pr.

ribbon

1 Bladder [ ]  
1 key chest [ ]  
Jack Plane  
6 [ ] 1 --- 6  
4 Hatchets 5/10 1---3---4  
Fast [ ] 4---3---6  
[ ] [ ]  
X cut [ ]  
Brown Paint  
[ ] Oil  
Tin Lamps  
12 [ ]  
1 [ ]  
4 yds. [ ]  
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Wood [ ] [ ]  
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Riviere du Pas 5<sup>th</sup> January 1853

Reverend and Dear Sir,

I beg leave to say for your information that reports are getting abroad through all the Saskatchewan, that our proceedings at this place tend much to halt the interest of the Company, and that we are meddling with their affairs.

I was informed by Mr. H. McKenzie the other day that Mr. Rowans informed him that he heard that I was trading with the Indians like a fur trader, martin skins, Leather, provisions etc & that I have sent all these articles to Red River, by your boat; this is exactly the statement that which Mr. McKenzie informed me Mr. Rowands had made to him. Mr. Rowands

is going to Red River this spring, he will probably be making some inquiry about this matter; nothing could give me more uneasiness than to hear that I was suspected of having done much to hurt the interest of the H.B Company, for I was not at all aware that I was doing any thing that would tend in the smallest degree to hurt any man's interest far less the Company's.

As it respects my trading Martins from the Indians this I certainly deny to be truth, for to my knowledge I have not since I have been here, traded one single Martin or any other kind of fur, & , I am confident that they cannot prove that I ever did.

I flatter myself that

I will be able to satisfy them that this accusation is altogether groundless, for I am determined to see the Gentlemen of the River, when they pass this, for York Ft.

And try to get the matter rectified if possible. I am well aware of the evil consequences it will be attended with, should I allow it to go much further. No man would like to be suspected of any evil which he knows he is not guilty of. I for my part would sooner lose my situation, than to lose my reputation for I am of the wise man's [opinion sic] "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

With regard to the second accusation, namely "that I am trading leather skins from the Indians" in this I think I can with all safety say that I have only done my duty, for I understood that your instructions to me were to trade leather for the school, with the Ammunition and Tobacco which you sent, by the boat in 1841, accordingly I have traded in that same year, a few leather skins, for the children. All the leather that we use in my own family, I buy from the store at Cumberland, and from the Company's servants, for my flour, so that I am not under the necessity of trading my leather for myself from the Indians.

And with respect to the third part of the accusation namely, "that I am trading provisions from the Indians" in this case I think I can with equal safety say, that I am only doing what I was advised in trading a few ducks & geese and a chance bit of meat; I have no intention so long as I give the Indians their due, otherwise how are we to live? Do they mean to starve us altogether then? It is on this account that I would request you, to send as much twine as you can, that we may depend upon the fish chiefly.

And as it respects the latter part of the accusation "that I have sent all these articles which I am said to have traded to R.R. by your Boat", I think I might know yourself, if I did so, at least your people would

know of it. There is nothing. I have sent to R.R that is in any manner calculated to hurt the Company interest, and if it can be proved that I did, I shall submit to the greatest inconvenience which they shall see fit to lay upon me; but should it be proved to the contrary, that I am not in the wrong, which should there be so much suspicion & and prejudice existing in the minds of the Gentlemen of the Saskatchewan against me.

I shall be forced to produce when called upon, all the Papers that I have received from you respecting my instructions, how I am to act at this place, to show them that I have not done beyond my instructions, by doing what I have done.

There is even a great deal of noise raised by old Constant, about the ground here, so much that the H. B. Gentlemen seems to say that we have not done right, by drawing lines to divide the lots for the Indians . Now I and young Constant ( as I informed you before ) had been drawing a few lines across the river, and this is what the old man makes such a noise about. And I am firmly of opinion that it is he that carries such reports to the H.B. C. Gentlemen, when they are passing here. I have in many instances proved him to be a very sly & secret enemy to me and the cause which I have in hand, although I never did before tell you anything about him. I hate to be talking about other people, particularly when I can't say any good of them, but this I must say, that he is the man that I suspect, because I know that he would sooner like to be a Roman Catholic, than a Protestant here.

Mr. McKenzie informed me that he has written

to Duncan Finlayson Esquire about what Mr. Rownds had written to him, & I would not but you will try to get these matters [rectified sic] and send me by the first opportunity as [plane sic] statement of the manner in which I am to deal with the Indians, what I am to trade with the Indians, and what I must not by no means trade from them, & then I can go on by that , & need not care what reports say.

I must also let you know that it will be very necessary to bring by the Boat, 2 tin Kettles 1 large & the other middle size for to supply the fishing station with, and 2 ice chisels, 2 middle size ones for the same. We was badly off this fall wanting these things, and they will be required every fall fishing. If it was possible to get pick axes made well steel'd and hardened for this ground, it would be the best thing we could get. Hoes are next to nothing in breaking up this ground. They do not last longer than one summer, & then it requires the Smith, but pick axes though we would find them dear at first , still it would be the cheapest in the long run. If you are to bring the two stoves you mentioned , it will be necessary to get your knees fir the wood stoves, if they are to go through the walls. We will also require someday the stoves when we cut hay. Permit me to trouble you for 6 yards Flannels on my Acc. Which I did not mention in the Invoice, and 1 gallon of wine, a vial of hearts horn for Mrs. Budd's headaches. She is very subject to severe headaches. If these can be conveniently got you will oblige much by sending them on my Acc.

And as I have now a little money in the Company's hands, you will favour me to place in the Office every spring the little I have yearly, so that it may appear in their books , and be getting interest.

With best wishes for your health, and prosperity, wherein Mrs. Budd cordially joins.

I remain Dear Sir ---

Your very humb. Servant

H. Budd

Riviere du Pat August 9<sup>th</sup> 1843

Reverend and Dear Sir

Enclosed with this you will  
Find an Account No. 1 of the School Supplies of last year.

No. 2

A list of Expences on the mission if Riviere du Pat, for  
one year mostly in work only: the Expenses for  
provisions the Book of No. 1 will show.

No. 3

An invoice of Supplies sent for, on my own private  
Account, on also my Mother's Acc.

I am happy to have the honour of writing you once more  
Though I must be very short in doing it. The Boat  
is just passing & there have but little time.

I am not aware of any thing of much consequence  
that I have to write, or any thing very interesting that  
has occurred since my last, further than to inform  
you that every thing is much the same as when I wrote  
you last.

Most of the Indians of whom I wrote you, are at  
present off hunting, some of them will be here in this  
fall, and the rest not before next spring. The  
few that remain are working at their Potatoes.

We are at present busy with our little hay, after which when done, we must be getting a little wood to make a stable for the Cow & Ox. Our crop of Barley and Potatoes are so far promising.

I believe I have not as yet sent you an answer to what you wrote me about purchasing lands: you may, if you please, speak to Mr. Finlayson about it. That on the other side will be very convenient for wood lands ( that is to say if the land price is reasonable ) 7/6 per acre when I bought that on the west side. 3 chains more on the other side, at 7/6 the acre, I have no objections to purchase. He will find my Name no doubt in the Books on one of those lots, that is the one I promised to purchase, in case I wanted it. But it must be made so, as no people be allowed to take the wood from it, or to cut down any of the young trees.

Our School House is getting rather inconvenient being too small, particularly when all the Indians are here. It will serve for a house for the Boys, for a good while yet. But for a meeting house it's inconvenient; if you think that a house more proper should be built

you can inform me by the Winter express, and I shall try some of these people to get the wood for it. We are also badly off for windows for these houses, can get no parchment no where.

The Chief was very thankful for the present you sent him , he desired me to tell you so, when I would write you, he also desired me to tell you that he sends you his best respects, & wishes you well.

I find the grubbing hacks very suitable for the ground, as also the lamps for light. The people will purchase these Articles very readily. And bonnets, belts, pipes, and a couple of Razors, are articles they want much.

I thought to have asked you to ask Mr. Finlayson if it was allowable that we should hire one or more of the Indians here, any season of the year, for I am greatly at a stand about whom I shall have to fish for us.

A pair of fine Cloth Trousers was amongst our things, of which there is no account given. I have taken it to myself: if you can therefore charge the same to my account ( if it is an overlook ) as also a bottle of Mustard.

With kind respects to yourself, & kind regards to all around you , wherein Mrs. B--- cordially joins. ---

I remain Dear Sir  
your very humble servant  
Henry Budd

Riviere du Pas Augt.30<sup>th</sup>/43

Dear Reverend Sir

As I have on occasion of sending a few lines to the Rev W. Cockran, I avail myself of the opportunity of dropping you a few lines, to acquaint you of our being well in health, by the mercies of our heavenly father.

I am under the necessity of sending these two Indians, because I do not know of any opportunity that I could write before January next. I presume you know my object in writing this time. I therefore refer you to brother Cockran to give you all the information on the subject. I have written to him in full, because he [opened sic] the subject to me, and as you have an occasion of seeing him once a week, I think it unnecessary to write the same over to you.

There is at present a disorder raging in our neighbourhood , which has carried away two of Constant's grand children , and the other not much above a week ago; it has not as yet attacked our school children so bad, but what

they have got the better of. It takes young and old amongst us; but the children being weak are often put to the worst.

One of the Romish priests have arrived here two days ago. He has taken his lodgings in Constant's house, and will remain until he sees all the all the Indians belonging to this place, and if they consent to receive his religion, which he wishes to introduce among them; he will probably stay here for the most part of this winter. He is baptizing all he can get hold of, even children whose parents are not at home.

I would beg of you a few lines, to write me in a particular manner, how I am to behave in this point. I am not much afraid for those Indians, who have been baptized by you, to turn away from the faith; but there are others who have not as yet been baptized, some of whom might be led away from that faith which they have professed to believe.

Permit me the liberty to say, that I wish to alter, what I have already written to you about, and that is purchasing lands at Red River, that is, if you have not yet said any

thing to Mr. Finlayson about it; but if you have , then let it be so, if it cannot be altered. I am not anxious to spend any more money in purchasing lands, which I am not sure at present that I shall want.

John Cook son of old Charles Cook, knowing that I was writing to you, desired me to put in a word for him. --- he says that he thanks you very warmly, for having been the instrument of leading him in the right way, and of having baptized him in the true faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. His father and David Bell , & another Indian is all the men that are here, except for two strangers that came here to get instruction together with all their families ( one of whom I am obliged to employ, to take these letters to R.R.). They all unite in sending you, their best wishes & and kindest thanks [forasmuch sic] as you have been so good to them, and their children, in having them taught the right way to be saved eternally.

I having engaged these two Indians, entirely on my own account, I must therefore trouble you to pay them on my Acc. £2-0-0 each, & take it to the store for what they want. Their provisions from here, are out of my own stock

except their pemmican about 30 lb. which is out of the Society's stock. I have charged the same to my account.

I am afraid I shall be out of writing paper before winter is over. I shall therefore trouble you for half a Quire on my Acc.

We are making the nets, and making preparations for the fall fishing; but I can't tell who we shall employ.

The hay is made, enough to keep the cow & ox all winter. The barley cut down tolerable good crop, which must be for the jugs & the potatoes I believe will not turn out very well, most all new ground. And we shall have a little stable to build, when the Indians come home.

Let me beg of you a few lines, by the Bearers for they wish to get back as soon as they can, to this place.

And with best wishes for your health and happiness in which Mrs. Budd & my Mother cordially joins. ---

I remain Dear Rev. Sir  
Your very humble Servt.  
Henry Budd

P.S. I have written you on this same month by No. 7 House

HB

Pas 11<sup>th</sup> January 1844

Reverend and Dear Sir

The express has just arrived. and with it no letters at all for me, whether they have been miscarried, or what has happened to them I cannot say, but I certainly expected that some one or another from R.R. would have written me a few lines.

In the accompanying letter you will perhaps find that I have written you too freely, if so, you will please excuse the freedom which I have taken.

And I beg leave to say, that you will do us a favour, if you will send us a few lines, by the first boat that passes here in the spring as to whether

you are able to make us the promised visit. I can assure you that we shall all feel thankful for it, for our own part, & more particularly for the sake of the Indians. You will if you come, & if all the Indians come again in the spring, have to baptize 70 Persons & upwards, we have that many down in the books who have applied for that ordinance.

Meanwhile I remain Dear Sir  
Your humb. Servant  
Hy. Budd

[River sic] du Pas August 30<sup>th</sup> 1845

Most Reverend & Dear Sir,

Though conscious of my unworthiness, yet I consider it a privilege in being permitted to write you a few lines, not that I have any thing extraordinary to inform you of but simply to let you know that, I would not when I can help it let an opportunity pass without writing you a line or two; indeed I am sure that I would not feel easy if I did.

Permit me then the honour of troubling you with my Invoice of supplies which I hope will not be considered presumptuous if you please, to try & get these things for one as before, though I do not know that I shall to trouble you for a long time for this favour; for I am by no means satisfied with myself as to my remaining here for any length of time, not that I mean to say that I am not contented with my salary, or, with the way that I am served; far from it; but because I cannot fully reconcile myself to myself on account of my past content; much more so when I call to mind the contents of your last letter to me, which is so fresh in my mind now as when I first read it, for, if it is a matter of doubt whether I can be considered fit to occupy the station

I hold, or not, I leave that to your own good judgement, for I am willing to do what I can, if my services are found satisfactory, but if not satisfactory, I only beg to be informed thereof. I have written a full supply of ammunition as before, though Mr. Hunter told me that I could hardly get as much again at one time : because I know well that I want it, even with it, all I find it is not too much, for I have nothing else to depend upon for myself & family, only what you are kind enough to send me from your quarters, for though I do a great deal always in the way of farming on the mission farm & even ploughed every bit of it this spring & sowed it, there is nothing of it allowed for my children and getting no time to fish between hours, so you see it is absolutely necessary I should have my full supply of Ammunition if other articles should be diminished. You see plainly from my accounts this three years back, that I have generally been above my Salary, & that is because I depend so much on foreign provisions, whereas if I had a little time morning & evening so that I could produce some wheat and Barley etc. for my family, I believe I could keep at least from being in debt.

I have lately thought of a plan by which I think I could help My poor friend Peter Erasmus, providing you are willing, & kind

enough to comply, and that is, if he is able to supply me with my flour & Butter, he could have of course the money that I spend for the same, that is, if it is not an additional trouble to you to get my flour & Butter from him.

I have advised him by no means to give you any trouble about it but bring it at your house before next June. He is a very poor man and I don't know of any other way I could help him. And he tells me that he has, and can get no market for, his flour. If you can do this without putting yourself to a great deal of inconvenience, you will greatly oblige me, as well as do Peter, a great deal of good. Though I must try to do without any flour from Red River very soon for I must confess that I think our flour is by far too dear for us. We cannot stand it much longer. We see plainly that our Brethern, laboring in the same field at home (R.R.) have by far greater advantages in many respects than we that are laboring abroad.

I am happy to inform you that Mr. J. Settee is arrived here yesterday, and is to winter here with us, the season being too far advanced for him to proceed any further, of which I am very glad for I was quite dull, & I hope he will be the means of cheering me a little.

With best wishes for your health and happiness and praying that the blessing of God may rest upon your work of faith and labour of love, and that you may be instrumental in bringing many to Glory --- I have the honour to Your very humble & Obedient Sevt.

Henry Budd



Riviere du Pas Decm. 26<sup>th</sup> 1845

Revd. and Dear Sir

As we expect the express to stop here soon I avail myself of this opportunity of writing you a few lines, for I shan't be able to write after this, when I go again to the woods. I have to acknowledge the mercy and long suffering of the Lord inasmuch as myself and family are still found in the land of the living enjoying this health and sharing ( though in a small degree ) the comforts of life. I sincerely hope that these few lines will find you enjoying largely the blessings of your heavenly Father.

I have for some time back enjoyed a tolerable peace in my own mind, with regard to the states of my soul before God , and I hope that you will continue to pray for me; that I may be delivered from the power and dominion of sin. If so, I trust that through your fervent prayers the merciful Lord who is ever ready to receive a returning sinner , is, on the answering of your prayers --- though I am by no means too forward in concluding that it is so.

As the general state of the Station is much the same as when I wrote last, there is of course nothing which I can think of at present, worth the while to write down. For having many letters to write, and little time to do it in, I must confine myself to very brief remarks and therefore must necessarily dwell on subjects which more immediately concern me.

With regard to the Invoice which I have sent you, I fear that you will find it too much, although there is nothing in it but what is absolutely necessary; however, should the amount of the Invoice far exceed this year's Salary, --- I think some of these articles might be left out, which I think we might try to do without for next year. 1 Pair Drill Trousers, 1 Pair clogs, 2 Hams these three articles might be scratched off; but the skeins of fine twine more of besides those in the Invoice already, I wish you sending, because I have to return the 11 Skeins to the Mission next June.

As I have a small account at York Factory, I think I should have that account transferred to Red River; Then you would have no inconvenience when my Invoice surpassed my Salary. Though I hope it will be the last time that we shall have such a weighty account, if we could once get on to do without so

much foreign aid, such as flour, butter, pork etc. we would at least seldom ever go beyond the mark.

There is one thing which I would not omit to mention that is, with regard to the way we are carrying on here, since before October Last, I have scarcely had any school at all except Sundays, but have always been kept at the squaring timber for Mr. Hunter's house to this time, and with all probability, as we are going out again next week to the woods, we shall not come back from there till next April, even then we shan't finish all the Boards & Planks required of us.

I confess I begin to dislike this mode of proceeding, and I must shake it off by one way or another; it is not the issue which makes me speak, because that I can stand well enough; but the school, which I may say is totally neglected, which I thought is my main object, indeed my only work. The children will be in such a backward state before I can be allowed to attend the School next spring. And then very probably their waywardly and [nonimprovement sic] will be very unjustly laid to my charge. Not only that, but the Indians begin to dislike putting their children in the school, because they say they {don't get no more sic} instruction here, than they get with their Parents.

With best wishes --- I am Revd. Sir, your humb. & Trustworthy Sevt.

Henry Budd

Church Mission Station  
Riviere du Pas Augt. 13<sup>th</sup> 1846

Reverend and Dear Sir

Being spared by the goodness of God, I, with pleasure avail myself of the the opportunity of dropping you these few lines, to acquaint you that myself and family are in tolerable good health at present, hoping this may find you in a much better state.

I hereby enclose a list of Articles, which if you please, to purchase for me , as usual; I shall think myself greatly favoured together with our order from the Revd. J. Hunter to the amount of £ 20-0-0; which I expect will more than the articles sent for, especially when the Balance in hand is added to it.

The Iron Kettle of 6 gallon in the list, is for making soap into; and boiling water for washing, as tin is too thin and weak for that purpose.

The 1 Pr. Thick soled shoes which you sent me, are by far too large . I intend sending them back, as I cannot possibly

wear them; otherwise I would by no means give you the trouble of taking them out of the store for them to have to take them back again; but if you please to exchange the shoes for a smaller pair, about 11 ½ Inches long, you will greatly oblige. Or, if you can conveniently get my money back' I believe they are 14/1 in your list.

You will be so kind as to purchase for me, a tight, good Iron hoop Keg of Sugar for the next year, the two kegs sent this year are so bad, that we lost a great deal of sugar by them. And even my flour casks were so badly headed in, by the Millers; that most of the heads all came out and the flour spilt, when the men were carrying them across the Big falls. --- I do not mind of a little additional expense to procure good kegs, or good Bags, or a few nails to nail on the top hoops, so long as it comes safe & good.

We have had , and will have, the Measles very bad here, insomuch that it has carried away some of our Indians more especially of the young. There is now 12 buried lately in the Church Yard since I began, though two or three has dies from some other disease.

This has greatly prevented the Indians from building their houses and making their farms, for there is not a family but is, or has been troubled with it. Our own family has had it, every one of us: and my Mother is still very bad with it.

Mrs. Budd has been so bad with the Measles , that she has not been able to finish your gloves quite, yet if she can finish them by the time that Lesperance passes, they will be sent by him: but should he pass ( which we expect every hour ) before they are ready I will ( if spared ) take them down to Norway House, together with the big shoes, and get Mr. Mowat to take them to Red River.

I believe I am going with Mr. Hunter to Norway House next Month, for his English goods, to steer his boat; but though I had steered the Boat to the Grand Rapids and back again, and did what a regular steersman could do, yet he charged me , more than ever I had to pay, for he charged me [9/?] for every piece I had , though I saved him 15 or 20 skins by my going there. Now this trip will save him at least 20 or 25 skins, but if he does not show me the least favour with regard to my Cask of flour at Norway, I cannot steer his boat for him another year. --- For I don't see why I should. With best wishes for your health and prosperity and that the Lord may be pleased in his infinite mercy to continue you long in that sphere of usefulness which he in his Provinces

has placed you. --- is the sincere wish of, My Dear Sir  
Your most humble, most unworthy  
And most Obedient Servant

Henry Budd

Church Mission Station  
Pas January 8<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear Revd. Sir,

As the month of January is now come, and as I am waiting for the express, and looking out for it now every day; I usually think of you, and desire to write you a few lines, though I have nothing very important to relate, yet I will write while I am allowed the privilege, and the honour, should it be nothing more than to acquaint you of the mercies of God ushered towards us, in being permitted to be in the land of the living, our praying grounds and our pleading terms with Him. That we have continued to us the greatest of earthly blessings, namely good health, and that we enjoy the blessings of God's providence as well as that of his grace: is a standing proof of his long suffering goodness and forbearance. I profess that I am not sufficiently thankful to the Lord for his unmerited goodness towards me and family, in the midst of such sickness and mortality as has been prevalent here: yet I desire to feel grateful to the giver of all good for his mercies vouchsafed to us both of a temporal and spiritual nature.

I am seriously waiting to see a letter from you

I hope that it will inform us that you are well . I have sent a letter to you last fall by Lesperance which I hope you have received; accompanied with a small Invoice for this year's supply , which you will greatly oblige should you be so kind as to attend to as heretofore. I would gladly send a larger Invoice, were it not that I thought I was giving you too much trouble; thinking that the Difficulty in getting these things might be greater than there was before. However the Articles in that list are absolutely necessary for the next summer's use. Permit me to trouble you a little, for two Yds. More, of the same [ganbroone ? sic] which you sent last year, which was 2/6 pyd. I wish to make a suit of it for summer wear, and it is that much short; you will please to furnish black buttons, lining dark stuff, all what a coat wants. And Mrs. Budd will feel oblig'd to you for some stone-blue , 4 Bunches braid red and blue and black, and 12 yds.white cotton. We are exceedingly badly off for cotton for the children, when we did not get any striped cotton from you, we could not get it from any body else; we were depending upon Mr. Hunter for it, but he did not come up from York. And this two years back I have sent a list for a few Articles from York Factory, but never got any; and it is partly on this account that makes my expenditure at Red River so heavy. Should you not have enough of present Money to defray the expense of these additional Articles you will please to let me know.

Those large shoes I sent by Mr. Mowat had in them 2 pair of Deer-skin gloves which Mrs. Budd made for you. I am just on the eve of starting for the woods again, as I did last year: very probably to tabernacle in the woods for the rest of the winter, to get wood for some houses that Mr. Hunter wants at his place; a Barn, stable, cattle house and icehouse. I do not regret so much of the inconvenience, as well of Double expense of provisions it puts me to; as I do for leaving poor schoolchildren so long a time: for I always find that after my long absences, I find they have lost more in that time than they would have gained, if I had been teaching them regularly. I cannot by n means inform you that our school is a flourishing one. And why? It is not because that children will not learn; neither is it because there is a defficiency in the gifted talents of their Teacher to bring them on: but it is because we cannot teach them regularly, for when there is school, we have it only half a day and the other half is devoted to objects of secondary importance. I long to be situated on the same scale and with the same privileges as your schoolmasters have, to have fair-play at the school. Though I am conscious that the nonimprovement of the children cannot rest on my shoulders, yet I cannot feel that comfort, to derive the satisfaction of my own mind, that the children are getting on as I would wish them. With best wishes for your health and prosperity, and that you may be long continued to be useful to your people. --- In the meanwhile I entreat your most earnest prayers in behalf of, Dear Revd. Sir ---

Your most Affectionate, though  
Most unworthy, humble, Servant

H. Budd

Church Mission station  
Pas January 12<sup>th</sup> 1847

Revd. And Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour dated Dec 8<sup>th</sup> last, whereby I learn of the exceeding scarceness of every thing at Red River; and there is nothing to be got there now. It cannot be helped, when there was any thing to be got that we wanted, you [was sic] always very good in furnishing us; and now when there is nothing to be got, of course we cannot expect any thing. It is well known that we shall be badly off for flour next summer and winter; and butter too; but we cannot help it now. This will make me to be earnest to get a farm for myself and grow my own wheat, if I am to remain. But I am so pressed for want of little time for myself, that if I had a little farm I could not attend to it. As for English goods, I believe we can get the goods purchased thereof, but the difficulty

is in getting them to Norway House. However there is a chance of getting these from York, but it seems there is very little chance of getting anything from Red River. We must try and live by the produce of the place , and not be depending so much upon foreign aid. If we had a good supply of ammunition and twine, we might do with very little flour.

I thank you for the trouble you have taken in writing To York Factory for me. I have received my Account also which you sent, and feel obliged to you for it; as also the seeds which you [was sic] kind enough to send. I am sorry that I have troubled you in the accompanying, with an additional order of one or two articles, but if there is none to be got, so it is.

I will by all means tell the people here of your good wishes, and earnest prayers at a Throne of grace, on their behalf. My Mother wishes to be kindly remembered to you , and begs of your most earnest prayers. ---

With best wishes for your [welfare sic] , and in which Mrs. Budd most cordially joins with me. ---

I am Dear sir  
Your most humb. Servt.  
H. Budd

Christ Church Cumberland  
Pas February 11<sup>th</sup> 1851

Rev, and Dear Sir

Having by the sparing mercy of our God, arrived here on Friday evening, the last day Jany. in good health and spirits. I gladly embrace the first opportunity of dropping you a few lines from here, to acquaint you that I have found my family, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, and all the people very well, and doing well. I have much reason to be thankful to the Almighty for his care over me in all the way that I have come. Not a day has [ past sic ] since I saw you last, in which I have not experienced the loving kindness of God. I have had my health and strength granted, with every necessary of life supplied. I have a been a long time on the road, but I have not been travelling all the time; I might have come in much shorter time. I left the residence of our good bishop on the 6<sup>th</sup> Jany. and at the end of four weeks I reached here, in all 25 days on the route, it is a long time, but upon the whole it has been a pleasant journey to me. The first Sunday I [past sic ] at Partridge Cross [Crop?] with Revd. Mr. Cowley. I was much gratified to see the place, having never had the pleasure of seeing it before, it is very well situated plenty of land, for cultivation, abundance of fish, and wild fowl. I envied the land, as being better for farming than over here

and I was surprised to find the School children reading so well, and answering many questions in English which I asked them myself from the chapter which they read to me. There were a few Indians at the place, they had some houses that they were living in, the rest were away hunting. I preached both in the morning and again in the evening to a tolerable large congregation. I always had some scruples as to whether Mr. Cowley would succeed there, by the accounts I used to hear of the Indians being so bad; but now, when I have seen the place myself, I do not despair in the least but that he will get on, and that he will ultimately succeed with the Indians too. On leaving the hospitable residence of Brother Cowley, the Morning of Jany. 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, we were glad to reach Shoal River Saturday evening. Sunday morning 19<sup>th</sup> I was glad to find myself in a house among people who were very glad, to attend the means of grace. At the services both morning and evening all at the place were glad to attend, and listen to the word with the greatest attention, though spoken to them with the greatest weakness. I was glad to find in Mr. Mackay's family those who worship God and call upon his name. I cheerfully stayed with them three days, and every evening they assembled for worship. And I believe Mr. McKay calls them in every Sunday, reads his scripture to them, sings, and prays with them. Even the Indians themselves, from what I can learn are favourably disposed towards [Xtianity sic], except a few exceptions. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> left Shoal River with the hope of reaching Moose Lake by Saturday morning

evening; but the weather would not admit of our reaching the desired place on that time, and therefore we were forced to be out the Sunday of the 26<sup>th</sup> Jany. We however endeavoured to make the best of it, we gathered round our fire, and I read to them portions of Scripture, sung and prayed with them etc. . On reaching Moose Lake Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> we found the people all quite well. John Humphible living in his little house, which he built last summer, with three Indian children. This is the same man you baptized with the name John Turnor after old Turnor; we have since found out his father's name to be Humphible, and therefore have named him after his father. He is a very studied man, reads the Scriptures well , and is a good hand speaking to the Indians. He keeps a little School with the Fort children . I did not see any Indians here, but I held prayers every evening with all the people at the place. Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jany. arrived here ( as seen above ) all the people were very happy to see me back. Early in the spring,we having arranged that I am going to see the Indians at Moose Lake, and look out for the most eligible spot for a Mission Station. We are also intending that I shall go up to the Nipahwin when I return from Moose Lake. We now and then hear favourable news of the Indians there, with regard to Xtianity.

and I wish to know how far these reports are true  
In the mean time, I have a great deal of translations  
to make , which will keep me busy until the Spring.  
And I have the duties in the Church Sunday about, with  
Mr. Hunter.

I shall be obliged to trouble you for some more flour,  
The children live all the year principally on flour, and  
we are always out before the year's end. I think if we  
get 12 cwt. From you,, we will have bread enough for the  
year, and a little to spare. It is a thing that we can never  
have too much of. On my arrival I find only a little more  
than 2 bags of flour remaining of the flour you sent me last sum-  
mer, because our children live principally on it, the conse-  
quence will be, we shall have flour only for 3 months and  
the three remaining go without until flour comes again  
in August. William Scott will, I expect send me 1 cwt.  
which if you please to send with the rest you will do a  
great favour. If you send me the quantity mentioned, I shall  
owe you the balance which I shall send you in the summer.  
The 1 £ I left with you for Tea and Sugar will also be required  
Please to give my kind wishes to Samuel and his wife. I have  
told her father what I promised I would.

The people here desire me to remember them to you. And  
Mrs. Budd unites with me in wishing you health and  
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rosperity, and praying that the blessing of God may rest upon you.

I remain Dear Revd. Sir

Your humble and worthy brother in C.In.

Henry Budd