

Montreal 24 January 1817

My Dear
Sons

Yours of 20 January is now before me
 read by Mr W. Billings yesterday happy to hear all
 will I am very well My reason of a bad cold
 all over Misses says as in my last: you can't have any
 Idea of the scarcity of Lard in Montreal great wants. Some
 starving I could not sell beef for Lard only on a ^{very} ^{small} ^{quantity}
 the best article in Market: pork Butter & Cheese ^{very} ^{scarce} & C
 all prohibited from coming in to the Province
 Mr Will ^{Forbes} called on me & asked me if I thought
 out was worth $\$10$ to him yes he answered he had bought
 & sold by in Montreal will (value & drawn up for $\$10$
 white pine $\$3$ Bad prospects for lumber. I was
 thought the best of it. I had with called on me yesterday
 with two notes dated in May last pay as bid in July ~~that~~
 East Ballance $20-6-9$ on both I put them of my side
 would give them the Lard in one week. Not knowing
 when to collect C. Waters out of town nothing can be done
 him I forwarded Mr W. Billings with articles ^{of the amount}
 of $35-12-6$ I beg of you to collect all out standing debts
 & not make new ones if possible [as to S. Polly
 I thought best to rest it till I hear from you again
 if ^{you} could get that writing that I gave him you are shure
 respecting the fifty acres of land as it was only a condition
 if sold the title of purchase is in me & if not sold one
 down the note [as to Colliers & duties they are in jail
 as yet nothing done you must send me down
 Mr downs & bank as evidence: we must have
 Mr downs as ^{his} ^{indenter} ^{which} ^{to} ^{have} ^{been} ^{signed}
 by one of the ^{Govr}: the price of provision I prefer you
 to Mr W. Billings but no more to be got to pay ^{all} ^{the} ^{costs}
 other costs 3 dollars [I wish you to send me down the
 papers respecting Lader as he has employed Stewart
 they say we turned him off & wish to get pay & damages
 to this date [I shure that Lader never avnt his
 word when in our employ: I wish you to get a statement
 from Taylor to that effect if you can if I can write
 he has bid a boat 15 pounds I think we must dispute
 the cause you will write me more fully by Mr downs
 call at Mr Pales as they found out perhaps some further orders

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P. W. H. H. H.
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Philemon Houghton & Sons
of Montreal

Mr John

one of ^{the} Treasurers was not satisfied with an account
of his not joining the Craft as a green Tinker
for his account and account of Cash paid for
oars to his Brothers

your dutiful father
yours
P. Wright

At the New Church in

St. Marks a Friday part was entirely consumed
by fire our Sons look to you Stoves & take care
of your father's Tinkers

M^r Marsars of Grand becomme agrees to
load our pack on Monday 27 June to M^r Valley
to be as soon as possible at 7/6 per barrel

We expect to have an opportunity to see you
by M^r Howard as I expect M^r Howard
Every moment & shall write you by him
of the times P. W.

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