

FROM REV. GEORGE MITCHELL TO CHURCH VESTRYMEN,
DEC. 8, 1787

To William McComb Esq^r and Mess^{rs} John Askin James Abbot and George Meldrum.

Gentlemen At a meeting of the Inhabitants of this Place held at the Council House upon the 1st day of June last, by the Subscription Paper which I proposed, and which was then read, I mentioned your Names as the Gentlemen whom I wished to act as Vestrymen, and superintend the Business of the Congregation. We have not been able to bring Church Matters to that Order and regularity which I could have wished. Various Causes have no doubt contributed to prevent it. The necessary Avocations of Business both public and private, the Uncertainty which still remains respecting this Post, and other Circumstances render the Situation of a resident Clergyman here very precarious and his Subsistence uncertain. If any thing has been wanting on my Part, it is from you that I should receive Information. I conceive that the taking Subscriptions and collecting money does not properly fall to my Part, but should rather be done by some one appointed by you, or whatever method you should think most adviseable. I have taken the Liberty to inclose you the Subscription List for last year, and the Ballances due as nearly as I can make them out at present.

There are several of the English Inhabitants about the Fort who I believe would have subscribed but have never been applied to, whether you think proper to make any Application still to such, I submit to your Judgment. I am as you may conceive involved in some small debts particularly to M^r Robertson to whom I have been under particular Obligations, and to Serg^t Brown for Provisions, and a few others which I could wish to be able to discharge nearly as soon as possible.

As to any future Subscription, I propose none at present more than for Six months, as I propose to go down to Montreal, and from thence to Quebec, about the beginning of June next, or about the time that the first Shipping may