

yours of the 6th August (that came to hand two days ago) is answered The Distillery I mean to sett up & think it most Advisable or sure, tho perhaps not more advantegious to erect them on the other Side on or very near the Farm of yours got from M^r Hands. A man this Minuet offers to deliver the Stille here in May next for 10/ per Gallon or at Presqu'ile for less so that getting this part of the Bussiness done will be a small Expençe & indeed I hardly know of any thing except the Grain (after the Still) that will require Money, nor will that If I have a Store of Goods. I have wrote the Mess^{rs} M^cGill & C^o how you & M^r Jam^s M^cGill are to receive the Money due by M^r Innis, it will be in a Draft with some of theirs. I inclosed you the Coppy of a letter I got from my agent at York If you think proper you may mention the Matters to His Excellency but keep back the informers name. I also inclose you a paragraph from a letter I received which will shew you what the General can do when he pleases. my Recommendation got M^r Maisonville 3000 Acres of Land that had been refused him in every Quarter in lower & upper Canada &^{ca} for many Years and the Council with whom he had been rejected all his demands and claims on that score and said He never did nor would for him or any man enter into any knowledge of losses. he plagued me so much the day I left York to speak to the General about him when I was taken leave that I promised I would and did tho I had not the most distant idea of his reaping any Benefit from it you see how much I was mistaken & I now find whoever the General thinks fit to give land to the Council dare not deny I wish my Friends & self had so much Interest to get Lands for my just Claims as I have had for others. God Knows for a good faithfull Subject of Governments I am straightly deal with. respect is shewn me & confidence placed in me yet I cant get a foot of my local Demands.

I got a letter from our Friend M^r Robertson and [am] happy to find he is something better. his Agents here M^r Roe & M^r Fraser⁴⁶ are by no means so active in his affairs as I think they should be. Neglect and a worse cause has

⁴⁶ James Fraser, for whose career see *B. H. R.*, I, 300.