

think I may pay the same tribute to those who may succeed you; & with accompanying that tribute, with a confidence they will justify my expectation, & that of those who may succeed me. As long as I am on the spot, or in this country, I can act in my own affairs myself, as I think best; those that might succeed me, might, possibly not know you or your family so well as I have had occasion to do. It is therefore I enclose you this paper (alluded to above) for your own satisfaction; because I have some thoughts of going to Europe for my health, but am by no means finally determined to go further than the city of Quebec to see my little daughter. I will thank you to pay attention to those matters pointed out in my note of 23^d instant, as well as to any others that m[a]y occur in my absence relating to my own personal affairs & lands in this country, or under our government of Upper Canada; where I hope soon my claims for lands will be completed, as they are now in a train of adjustment by the commissioners report & the activity of the Legislative (Executive I should have said) Council. If my time permit[s] me to go to York I shall endeavour to stimulate their exertions, on this point; either by speaking to His Excellency, to whom I have for some years had the honour of being personally known; or, by memorial to his Executive Council; at all events, do me the favour to reiterate my claims to the commissioners who may come up this summer. Knowing how well you are acquainted with the affairs of this quarter in general, and of my own, I think it unnecessary to detain you by being more particular. I therefore conclude, with assurances of esteem & regard, & remain, Dear Sir,

Your very humble Servant,

William Robertson

N.B. Some papers from the U. States that have lately come in, & which I have been looking over, have taken away somewhat from the keenness of my appetite for a voyage to my native country. France, Holland, Swisserland, Italy, Egypt, Spain; Denmark, Sweden, & above all, Russia, combined against us! tis too much! Some of those Chaps may take me & Lucy, and carry us the Lord