

worth and take payment in Whisky, Corn flour & Freight these are payments can be made [by him] and his Brother for a certainty and I'm determined whilst I live so far as in my power lies to keep them clear of all Debt and that rather than run the risk of making payments in Cash or Furs which they cannot get but in small quantities, I will employ their time even at Farming.

Poor Robertson I'm sorry for you. Good God, [to] what a deplorable state does the immoderate use of liquor reduce a Man. From Sobriety and care of myself I really thanks to God, enjoy health better and better, See, Hear, Eat, Drink & Sleep well. I most sincerely wish my dear friend and Im sure its also the wish of M^{rs} Askin & all the Family who have had the pleasure of knowing you, that you had the like Happiness.

I'm hard drove and kept low in Order to pay the Interest I owe yearly on the Ballance due my Friends the Mess^{rs} M^cGills of nearly £2000 Halifax and this I will not be able to continue to do unless I can at times sell a Lot of land for Cash I'm ashamed after the loss you and M^r James M^cGill has suffered by me to propose lands to them and yet if they took my House on the other side for £1000 Hallifax & 10 Lots of 200 Acres each here for £1000 more I cant think in the end they would be losers, for the lot[s] I would give like many of yours are so situated that they must soon sell for money. M^r Pattinson gave me [for] one by no means good Land 400 Dollars and he sold it for 500 or if they preferred 10 more Lots in lieu of the House, I could get them from my Children in exchange for other property. oh how happy would I be to get clear of this almost last debt but I fear to make the offer though I think I once wrote M^r M^cGill something to this effect.

I have only to add may health and happiness attend you and yours are the invariable wishes of my Family as well as those of my Dear Sir,

Y^r ever obliged Friend

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