

is very well, & Frobisher. there is only us four old friends alive, all the new North westards are a parcel of Boys and upstarts, who where not born in our time, and suposes they know much more of the Indian trade than any before them. I am very much hurt of the death of our worthy friend Mr Hamilton. it must be hard for him to leave this World when just arrived at independance, when other poor fellows who has nothing, must remain & rut thro life, in their old days, and experience the vexation of being forgotten and neglected. Montreal is much changed since your time, I meet twenty young men in the Street in a day that I do not know. the Country is over run with Scotchmen. you wish I would send you a Canadian. you will observe that every lasey Idle vagabond in the Country who is to lazey to work, becomes Soldiers, and those who will be industrious can get half a dollor per day. therefore I am afraid I cannot procure you one that will sute you. I have wrote to Mr Brush to sell the land he got for Vignes debt. he has money in his hands which I wish he would make a dividend and send me the amount of what is coming to the Creditors. The Embargo is raised and for which I am very sorry, as it will hurt the Trade of this Country much. it has been of more utility to this Country than any thing that ever happend. My dear friend I do not expect to live long, but you may be assur'd that you was always one of my most esteem'd friends and amongst my last thoughts you will be one of them, but in hopes of meeting in some happier clime consoles me. my famelly is Tolerably well, but like my self growing old and all join in our prayer & good wishes for your happiness & that of your family & remain

Sincerely your friend untill death

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