

can be taken, but an iron chain & other articles should be added. I never have seen him have a Plough, worth a Dollar, consequently would not answer you. If you want one direct [me] and it shall be made by those who know how. James Forsyth¹³ at Gross Point is the Master. Now the Harvest is got in the Pacer cannot do much mischief before Madelaine comes down.

I think you have made the matter respecting Mr Fraser and Gallerneau pretty clear. I have not seen him since I received Your Letter. when I do, I will be able to clear up the affair. I assure you Mr Fraser never threw any reflections on your character, & I believe [him] a man who means fair.

I received your Bill in payment of the Ox &^{ca} and have distributed the remainder as you desired to buy trimmings &^{ca} The Cloth is with the Taylor and I hope the Coats will be ready for the *Nancy*, though not certain I have forbidden the long waists &^{ca} Poor Fearson arrived only yesterday.

A Raft of Bonhommes with Cedar Pickets of a small size having by accident been drove on this Side of the River, I got from him some of them in part payment, which I have credited as they cannot be sold for Money, or anything else.

Its not for want of inclination that James has not paid you a visit, but realy we must avoid all expence. You certainly rendered Captain M^eKee a service by selling Sam so well, but I fear all that can be done, for him will answer no good purpose as his property decreases every day. Poor Theresa & Alex^r If you expect Cash for your Sugar at any price, I dont recommend your sending it here, as there is no such thing. Sugar is sold here in the Fall & beginning of the Winter, at Public Sale for wheat & flour payable in the course of the Winter. I could take a little in that way, as I now find I will not have enough but in no other.

you never could have rendered any service to your Mother or I so great as your ready complying with our request in

¹³ James Forsyth was a son of William and Ann Forsyth, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 307. He was born in Detroit (Grosse Pointe), Oct. 30, 1769. On Dec. 17, 1789, he married Elisabeth Dolsen (Dolson), daughter of Isaac Dolsen. They removed (date undetermined) to Chatham, Ont., where a son, Thomas, was born in 1813. He served as a militia officer in the Patriot War, was mayor of Sarnia, later removed to Detroit, and died in Windsor, June 24, 1895. Information adapted from Burton, Forsyth-Kinzie-Little genealogy.