

the N.W.C^o enter their Tobacco yearly at this port in lieu of Niagara or Queenston it will settle a Hundred Annually as long as I reside here or they continue so entering their Goods.

S^t Josephs never was so dull as this Year (thats to say) since I have been an Inhabitant; Whilst the 41st Reg^t were here We were all sociable & entered into Card parties, Dances, Dinners &c but am sorry to say a great change has taken place laterly & it appears that Economy is the Word of the Day & no keeping up the rank of the Situation each man holds.

Its a great pity that Cap^{tn} M^cKee does not apply to come to his situation at this post, he is not aware of the advantages thereof. I can assure him he would live much better & have every article Necessary for his family as cheap as [at] Sandwich by importing them from Lower Canada. The country abounds in fish of a Superior quality. Hares, Patridges & Ducks some Rein Deer & Bear. The Soil exceeding good for Raising Vegetables Meadows abounding wth wild Hay for wintering such cattle as he may take from his farm to supply himself w^h Beef (as to pork its sold at 1/Yk C^y Pr lb) with the Rations he used to receive would keep him with a full abundance. & you can assure him that £100 H^x C^y pays all my yearly stores including the Transport (which I have not Rec^d from Govern^t) as the rest of those in the Departm have & amongst my stores I generally Order Two Quarter Casks wine as much spirits, which I find quite sufficient for my family & friends The remainder of my Salary goes towards pay[ing] my Debts. The Climate would answer him & Therese far better than where they are—Men servants can be procured here which are the best being engages & accustomed to the country. he will want a Female Servant they being scarce who understand how to Cook wash & milk Cows For my part an Engage, the Negresse & Gilbert does all the Work about the House the Engage Cuts & hawls all the Wood for Four fires, Feeds 4 Cows, 1 ox 2 Horses & ½ Dⁿ Hogs & always more Wood in the Yard than My Brother ever had at any one time. In short it appears to me he would be far happier: than where he now is on a Farm which is worn out. He