

Endorsed: Extract from the Will of the late James M^cGill, Esq^r

TROUBLES OF GEORGE MELDRUM⁵⁶

Dear Sir It's so long since We have had any corospondence that I do not know how to begin first give me leave to Condole with you for the loss of your Daughter M^{rs} Pattison as well your Anxiety for your Sons as for [my] part mine have troubled me much and have intirely let every thing on the Farm go to Distruction and my Situation is such that I dare not direct them as to my self I was three months on my back by the Calash wheel going over my foot which had most cut if off but thank God I made a great cure of [it] by sopyknit Root which surprised all the Docters and M^{rs} Meldrum since the month of July have not had three Days at one time health Myself for this month past I have been very unWell but am now little recovered We are most reduced to Starvation for the Indian[s] whilst I was on my back killed all my pigs to the number of thirty four Oxen ten sheep all our Fowls and burned our hen house and like to have sett the house in fire and I could [not] let my sons interferr as the Indians knew and reproached them being Yankies and was not able to go out myself We now eat Rye bread for want of better and our Porke which I chans'd of Getting last fall is most out and the worst of all no money to gett more M^{rs} Park keeping back the papers of the Copartnership is the occasion of being reduced so low as also the occasion of great loss to Co partnership there is M^r Boyer who bog^t a House [from] M^r Parke he is dead and as I am told hase made over the house to an other which may cause a loss to the Co. with sundrei losses which I can not help for want of Companys books & papers Inclosed you have a Note of sundrie papers of M^r Frasers and also mine as M^{rs} Brush goes over in a day or two you can deliver them to Her I will thank you if [you] can let me have five or six Quarts of salt as I have not a pint in the House I woud be thankful to you if [you] coud inform me where the Martins that bog^t Sag[*uinah*] sloop lodged the Iron or if they

⁵⁶ From the original copy in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.