

Henry Grinnell Papers
Box 1, Folder 1

Letter 1

Cincinnati, Mar, 30th \ 60

Henry Grinnell, Esq.

Dr Sir

Your favors of the 20th came duly to hand. Shall the "King" pamphlet be returned now or can it be retained till my departure for N.Y. which will be about the 1st May?

My stay in Philadelphia was prolonged two days. I found in the Franklin Library "North West Fox's Narrative" of his voyage in 1631 to Hudson's Bay. This is said to be the only copy in the U.S. except the one in possession of Peter Furer[?], Esq.

Mr. Childs kindly consented to my bringing Home the sledge "Faith" or that portion which he had. Some of the Penn. R.R officials, learning this to be a relic of the Second Grinnell Expedition, ordered their mechanics to prepare special fittings for it in the car, that it might be secure from all injury on exposure. The precious "Faith" was thus borne along as kindly as a Sailor-boy in his hammock.

At Pittsburgh, I was introduced to Mr. Wm Powers whom I found to have been one of the crew of Capt. Kellett of H.M.S. "Resolute" in 1852-3-4. . As I was on the point of leaving, I took Mr. P. to the car + pointed out to him the sledge, of which I had made no previous mention to him.

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Never was there warmer meeting of friends(?) In full round voice Mr P. cried out: "That's old 'Erin'! I've tugged at her ropes many a day – for 90 days once on a stretch. Capt. Kellett will tell you so, gentlemen!" "Are you sure that's Erin? Said I – 'Did she have so broad a face for kissing the snow as that' – turning the base of the sledge upward. Despondingly Mr. P replied: " That's not 'Erin' after all – its front was not half so broad – d[?] – d[?] many hard pulls would she have saved our boys if she had been like that! pointing to the model of Arctic Sledge the "Faith" – the mechanical triumph of Dr. Kaness's over all others.

Can the "Halkett" air-boat be had in N.Y.? Almost every modern Arctic navigator has spoken well of it as being altogether a most useful little vessel, one that ought to form part of the equipment of all surveying or searching parties, whether by land or Sea. If they cannot be had there, if you think well of it, I wish you would order one from NY immediately – of size that will carry, say three (3). It will be serviceable on a thousand occasions ere my return from the North.

Next week shall commence the manufacture of the “Pemmican”, Sledge etc. Appearances are decidedly favorable of getting every thing ready by 1st May, thus allowing me to spend 3 weeks in N.Y. + New London prior to embarking. Yours, C. F. Hall

Please note down every thought that will be of value to me.

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Letter 2

[1860, April 30]

Henry Grinnell, Esq.

Friend Sir.

Your very kind letter of 26 came duly to hand. I thank you for the opinions of the Arctic Navigators of London (Eng.) It seems they think it “impossible for me to make any advance in the Arctic Regions in the Summer as the snow is then gone making it utterly impracticable to bring out provisions during that period &c.”

Then, in one aspect of this I am right, to wit, that there is a time, annually, when there is no snow, in some portions of the Northern Regions. This will add greatly in assisting to find Cairn, relics, tombs &c, but Now[?] How was it that that daring pioneer of Artic discoveries on the American Continent, Samuel Hearne, discovered + surveyed the Coppermine River in Summer, that too on foot? Let us ask those who thus threw down the glove, if they would not call that man a fool who would dare to commence in mid-winter a journey from Ft. Churchill intending to pursue it across the continent for the purpose of discovering a river thought to lead to the Artic Sea? And yet the fearless, persevering Hearne done this, his clothes consisting of but one suit, the one he had on, one spare coat, a pair of drawers + as much cloth as would make 2 or 3 prs. of Indian stockings + a blanket for bedding. + having with him only Indians for company – his gun, ammunition + a few trinkets for trade. I expect to go from place to place in Summer by boat. Capt. (now Sir) McClintock says King William’s Land is

covered

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Covered with lakes + rivers. If this be really so, what fine facilities for transport! – What excellent conveniences for procuring provisions, the Salmo Ropii, from those kindly waters!

But the Esquimaux do travel, even long distances, in Summer, on land – then I can.

Melville Island, for instance, has been travelled over at various times since its discovery, in 1819. Fisher, the surgeon under Parry, says, writing under date July 25, 1819: “The face of the country (Melville Island) is very much improved as far as regards its being much drier, + consequently much better adapted for travelling. The lakes + streams that were so numerous, + some of considerable size when we were out about the middle of last month are now almost entirely dried up; even those streams that were then dignified with the names of rivers are now so small that we crossed them on our return without wetting our feet.” This shows that Parry travelled in the Summer. The Esquimaux of Boothing + other points have a way of placing saddle-bags filled with provisions on the backs of their powerful dogs by which means they can extend their travels to considerable distances.

I am well aware the increased difficulties of summer journeying over that of Winter + Spring. But King William’s Land must be visited – Searched – in Summer. So you and I have decided. God helping, I will accomplish that Search,

I start for N.Y. in 9 day. I see you are about to visit Chicago but expect to return to N.Y. by the 12th. I shall spend 2 weeks in N.Y. + then proceed to New London. It may be you will receive that Esquimaux Vocabulary by that time.

Respectfully, C.F. Hall

Cincinnati

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**[NEXT ARE FIVE SHEETS OF LISTS OF DONORS, GOODS PURCHASED, ETC,
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New London

Mr.G

B.Curry+ Co. May 29th Sextant 20.58

I[?] B Hempstead " " 20.58

Harris Williams + Co 20.00

Shepard[?] + Harris 45.51

Anson Chase 40.50

Express Freight 2.25

\$143.84

Jon[?] Green N.Y. (Thermometers) 3.00

N.Y. Stackpole[?] + Bro. 2 pocket compass 3.50

Mr.G

N.Y. Stackpole[?] + Bro. 2d Bill 55.10

Self

L.Couttrel[?] 200 lbs lead 11. Off Constitution 1 = 10.00

Self

I[?]+G Crandal[?] 6 shirts (N.L.) 7.00

Drain[?] New London (long knives, etc) 10.00

Tin trunks[?] " " 1.50

Self

N.D. Smith ??? 3.77

Self

" " "

G.

Anson Baker + Co N.Y. 159.00

G.

Cooper + Pond N.Y. 19.00

Arnold + Beeby[?] sail + ??? (NL.) 20.00

G.

John H. Brown + Co 200 lbs. Bordin's

Bordin's Meat Biscuit 30.00

465.71

437.00

902.71

J.N. Harris Construction \$21.72
Smith + ??? (???) 3.28

See over
250 lbs Powder + 6 lbs do.
800 lbs shot + .
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Dogs[?], + provisions ??? \$10.
??? ??? 3.
Japan[?] Tin trunk = = 1.50
Express Freight 4.25
??? Rubber[?] Chart Case 2.50
Dry Street H 4.00
Fare to New London 3.00
Sundries 2.00
Linen for Ball ??? 2.00
Fare from Philie to N.Y. 3.00
??? -- -- 2.00
Vail for ??? in Navigation 15.00
52.25
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902.79
Dogs ??? 52.25
955.04
??? 24.96

980.00
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9
4 Nautical Alminacs \$3.
??? Rubber Chest Case 2.50
Dry[?] St. Hotel Bill \$8 ½ ??? 4.00
Boat fare + State room to New London = 3.00

Laundry 2.00
Liner[?] form Ball ??? 2.00
Fare from ??? to N.Y. 3.00
??? ??? to N.Y. 2.00\$2.25

\$38 95[?]

Cash Took to Greenland + paid out for dogs etc. 10.00

48.75
Bills Amt. ??? ??? = \$465.31

511.06
Paid out ??? ??? line etc \$487-\$50. = = 437.00

951.06

??? Cash line 487.00
Mr. Grinnell N.Y. 200.00
Ward N.Y. 100.00
Mr. Grinnell 143.00
C.W. Field ===== 50.00

980.00
951.00
The Sunday Expenses not[?] up ??? = 28.94

Hamond[?] Powder Co. Powder 250 lbs = \$50.x
??? Marshall ??? 50.x
J.N. Harris 21.72
6 lbs Powder (fine[?]) 2.00
9 M Needles
500 fish Hooks
(Fire pan[?] ???)
1 Doz.
6 doz. = ??? (N.L.) \$2.50
See 21 May Diary = Board N.L. Hotel 2.00
Expenses in New London

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Donations to the Hall Franklin Expedition
1860

Henry Grinnell N.Y. \$243.00
Augustus H. Ward N.Y. 100.00
Cyrus W. Field N.Y. 50.00
R. M. Bishop Cincinnati, O. 30.00
Miles Greenwood " 30 00
Geo. H. Hill " 30 00
John D. Jones " 30.00
John W. Ellis " 30.00
Geo Dominick " 30.00
Wm Reson[?] + Co " 30.00
Wynne Haymen [?] + Co. " 30.00
Wm Wiswell " 30.00
James Lofton " 30.00
B Mattick " 30.00
Judge John McLean " 30.00
Benj Eggleston " 30.00
Mitchel + Rammelsberg " 30.00
Sellew + Co " 5 00
– Lincoln Atty. at ??? " 10.00
Joseph K Smith " 5.00
Col. John Johnston " 10.00
J. Ogden " 5.00
A.G. W Carten " 5.00
Mr. C F Hall " 27.00

880.00

Williams + Hawes[?] of New London Passage in the "George Henry" -- + transport of Expedition Boat
Storm outfit etc. Free passage home of my self + family of Esquimaux man wife + child.

(Donation)

Hazard Powder Co 250 lbs Rifle Powder = \$50.

Marshall Lefferts 800 " shot 50.

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The following names are of persons who rendered me invaluable services in ??? my ??? in the
Expedition

Salmon P. Chase then Governor of Ohio

Gen. H Pease[?] " M.S.[?] Senator

Reverend H. Chappell New London, Conn

W.H. Clement Pres. Little Miami + Columbus + Xenia R Road

E[?]+G. W. Blunt, New York.

Frank Clark Supt. American ??? Co. ???

Chas G. Pluch[?] American Ex. Co New York
John Huey Adams Expres[?] Co “ “
Dudley Field Atty at Law New York H.W. Stephenson Cin O.
Wm M Grinnell Atty at Law New York
Sidney O. Buddington Groton, Con.
Samuel Robinson Cin O. Wm S. Campbell, Philie Pa
Tyler Davidson + Co. Stackpole[?] and Brother
Wm. A. Brooks Cin, O.
Associated Rep of Cinnati[?] O Young Men’s Mercantile Association, Cin, O.
Associated Rep of New York
Little Miami, Columbus + Xenia Rail Road Co.
Pennsylvania Rail Road Company
Cleveland + Pittsburg Rail Road Company
Central Ohio Rail Road Company
Steubinille + Indiana Rail Road Company

Telegraph Company Bet: Cin + N.Y.
“ “ Bet. N.Y. Phil
“ “ Bet. N.Y. + New London
Convers O Leach
N.S. Consul St. Johns
New Foundland
A.M. MacKay ??? N.Y. + New Foundland
Tel Co.
R Winton
Gov.

Cornelius Vanderbilt New York
Wm M. Edwards “ “
A. Brewster, Norwich, Conn.
B.S. Osborne
Wm. C.H. Waddell[?] N.Y.
Shepard + Harris New London Con

Free papers[?] on the following names[?]

Telegraphing without charge

Mrs. S Knight Knight House
St. Johns N.F.
Mrs. Warrington[?] ??? ????
St. Johns N.F.

J.C. Jussiant[?] Hotel de Paris
SJ. N.F.
Mr Kenneth McLea
St John NF.

She[?] Angeko[?]
Koterzhum[?]
Kimmilu
Sno-Bull.[?]
Miner
Suzhy[?]
Bob
Sampson
Atarkparu[?]
Annawa
Petato
Bay. Taylor
Shevekoo
Dick
Hiram
Enooloopik
Toto-
Eshooloo
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J.N. Harris Bill of ???
??? ??? Bill marked A
F.L. Kneeland N.Y. 6lbs Rifle powder
Thos H. Bats[?] + Co. 9M[?] Needles Fish Hooks ??? ???
Mc Allister + Bro Phila Spy Glass
J+B Bruce Cin O Making Sledge[?]
Roger, Simonton[?] + Co Cin O furnishing ??? for sledge
George J Jones + Thos. H. Newell[?] Cin O two Blank Journal Books
leaves[?] paper of silk + linen
Hamlin[?] + Smith of Cin O Dirk + ???
Dr O.E. Newton + Allen + Sons Cin O Chest of Medicines
P.F. Bendley Books
J.L. Wayne ½ Doz. Butcher knives.
Lowell Fletcher Cin O 10 gallons Alcohol 100 per cent proof
Henry Ware Cin O. pocket compass
Robert Clarke + Co. "Gillespie[?] Land Surveying"
Dr. D.N. Daniele = 1 trunk
Dr Howe Cin A valuable surgical Book
Chas. G. Morris printing
Gen[?] S. Blanchard, Principles of ???.
David Christy, Cin O. ???
Jas. Lupton Cin, O. 2 Vols ??? -1 fine pocket knife –
Benj. Pike + Sons N.Y. three thermometers – 1 Azimuth Compass
Benj. Kitteridge + Co (Cin O) Silver Alarm Whistle + Dirk knife
T.[?] B. Coffin Cin O 1 lb. Tea
Charles Lawrence Cin O 26 lbs best[?] powder*

*This powder could not take from N[?]L because no means of transport could be obtained

Robinson Cin more of malt kiln for ??? meal[?] for pemmican

Geo. H. Hill + Co Cin putting pu Pemmican in cans

Samuel Robinson Cin, O ???

John W Ellis Cin, O Labrador Seal Boots[?]

Baker + Co N.Y. 1 Doz. Knife blades – 1 glass bottle in ??? ???

2 doz hand looking glass 3000 common ??? Cups[?]

A??? Smith Cin O Grinding Pemican

American Express Company free transportation of over ½ ton Pemmican, Sledge + Books from Cincinnati Ohio to N.Y. Adams + Co's express transport of the same from N.Y. to New London, Conn.

(Geo. W. Child Phila Pa Loan of 1 ??? of the valuable ??? sledge "Faith" of Dr ??? for model for making my sledge)

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Particular wanted as follows. –

Ugang - Probable age - 50 or 55

Where born – Min – oo – toon

His Parents – mother Oo-ki -fox[?]-y Ni-noo + father Pier-koo-ne-me-loon

Brothers, Sisters, Relatives 1 Brother + 6 Sisters – for other relatives see my Note Book

How connected with Joe + Hannah – Joe his Nephew

His Wives – 13 in Number

Who were they + to whom related – (see Note Books)

What Children had he –

He adopted Kookooyear – Why? –

Went to the States – When? 1854; Returned 1855

Any of his exploits –

Good hunter, Pilot etc. – excellent – one of the 1st [?]

Joe has seen him kill 2 whales – how many more he has killed does not know

Robust, healthy, etc – formerly Robust + healthy but later years not so –

Characters – – – well told by ???

Kokerjabin[?] – Particulars similar to above –

Blind George –

Sharkey

Puto –

Okojoxinins[?]

Tookoolito

Eberbing –

Koojesse

Charley

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Letter 3

N.Y. Jan 23/63

Dear Mr. Grinnell –

Returned from Elmira yesterday noon. Owing to the severe illness of Eberbing, the man Esquimaux, could not call till now. E-ber-bing took a cold while at Elmira – Was up with him nearly all last night – hope to be able to report more favorably of him to-morrow. As the Esquimaux desire to remain with me, have taken a suit of rooms at a low price that will well accommodate them + myself.

I have the funds by which to settle the kind favor you advanced to me recently.

On your table I leave an Elmira paper which has some remarks relative to my Lecture &c.

Yours

ever C F Hall

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Henry Grinnell, Esq

C F Hall

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Letter 4

New York 28th Sept

1865

Dear Sir,

I have letters from Mr Hall, which are intended for your perusal – if you will call at 45 Wm St will show them to you.

In the Journal of Commerce of the 26th you will find an extract from one + in the Journal of tomorrow you will see an extract from another letter.

Yours truly

Henry Grinnell

J Carson Brevoort Esq

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Letter 5

New London Nov 9, 1866

Henry Grinnell Esq

New York

D Sir

I enclose a sheet from St.John's that mentions Mr Hall. Which you can return after reading
The news came by the Steamer Pioneer which went up to Repulse Bay + then to Cumberland.
When she arrives here the last of this month you will probably get letters

Yours truly

Richd H. Chapell

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St Johns Octb 30 1866

"These steamers brought to this port the Capt + part of the crew of the American whaling ship
Antelope (the remainder of the crew having been taken??? the Pioneer of New London the
Antelope was lost on Niantelik[?] Island Oct had been in the Arctic since the Summer of 1863"

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Letter 6

45 Wm St

31st Octb 1865

Dear Sir-

I sent you a letter from Mr Hall received a few days ago – When you have read this + the
Journal, please return them to me – I would like to see you in relation to them. I have letters
from my Son in London stating that Hall's first letter has caused much excitement in England
particularly with the Arctic ??? Yours Truly

Henry Grinnell

J Carson Brevoort Esq-

Brooklyn-

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Letter 7

Hudson Novem 25/66

Mr H Grinnell

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send you an article taken from the N York Herald riten by one Parker Snow

I am surprised to find anney one doubts Mr Halls statement I consider it a poor argument for Mr Snow to hold that Dr Rae went three times over the same ground where Mr Hall now is suppose he did and failed to gather what Mr Hall sais he has that is no discredit to Dr Rae or his party I think Mr Hall has met with Natives that Dr Rae

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never saw and if he has is their enney reason that he should not learn sumthing from them concerning Franklin crieu if they come from King Williams Land as tis said they did he must learn something from them more than we no of

I wish I could meet all of you gentlemen that Mr Snow speaks of and have a talk about this matter

with great respects

I remain yours

Edward A Chapel

Hudson

N York

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