

Victoria Nova Scotia August 23rd 1859.

Mr. James Rawson
Montreal

My Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in communicating to you the action of the Synod of Nova Scotia, in your proposal, conveyed through Mr. Penrose, to be one of Society who would guarantee the support of our Missions to the New Hebrides from said Congregation.

The delay which has occurred in transmitting to you this notice is sufficiently accounted for by the desire to send the decision of the Congregation at the same time. You are perfectly aware too that the action of Synod on the subject of temperance in July last caused great trouble in our Congregation. Mr. Penrose and his two sons resigned all connection with the Body, and as the proposal from you fell under the consideration of the same meeting in which their Resignation of Mr. Penrose

was received. There was no Clerk regularly
appointed to record the action. At all events,
no communication has been made to
me on the subject, or the Society. I understand
however that your generous offer has received in
a spirit quite as complimentary to you as
the decision of the Society which I give below. The
proposal has many warm friends amongst us
but at present there seems to be a universal
feeling of inability to carry it out. I may
mention that our fourth Missionary leaves
in October. We have sent 20 copies of our
last Report to all the Canadian Ministers
of the N. P. Church: among others, to Dr Taylor.
We need £700 to meet the regular expenditure for
each year of four Missionaries. At present we
have only £500 in funds. We have besides many
extra expenses for outfit, and freight of goods.
If you could do any thing for us among your
Canadian friends, it would be extremely well
come at this juncture. All your friends here are of
I believe well. Our Congregation is once more
at peace Misses Pominie having returned. It is
to hear from you soon. I remain Yours as ever
James Payne

Pecten May 2^d 1859

Sepin met and was constituted. Present besides the Modr. & Sepin Mat. Archibald George Grant, James Skatka, James Frazer, John Murray and Adam McLean.

John A. Lee, Modr. laid before Sepin the substance of a letter from Mr Dawson, Montreal recommending the adoption, and entire support of one Missionary to the New Hebrides, by Prince St. George, and offering himself to be one of Twenty, to guarantee said supports. After some deliberation it was agreed to refer the Consideration thereof to next meeting of Sepin
Samplace June 5th 1859.

Sepin met. Same parties present. Resumed consideration of Mr Dawson's Letter: Whereupon it was agreed to express the high gratification of Sepin at the liberal spirit and continued interest which Mr Dawson thus evinces in the prosperity of the N. H. Mission and of this Congregation in which he was so long an official Elder. Directed also the Modr. to lay the proposal in said letter before a public meeting of the Cong. with a view to

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Then decision thereon at the first quarterly meeting - Also to Communicate to Mr. Dawson a copy of the Minutes and of any decision which the Congregation may see fit to adopt.

Extract from Minutes of Sept. 1857

James Bayne Clerk

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Rev J Bayne
Hills