

Wednesday

Dear Rankine,

A letter arrived yesterday from "Lands Office, Dufferin" which I opened in case it should need any immediate attention. It is merely a cart notice from Sanderson, dated Oct 19th, to effect that he has cancelled your homestead, and sold all the lands referred to to others. In one sense I am not sorry, as his letter quite exonerates you from all responsibility to any one, and shows the kind of man he is. It of course needs no reply.

Do not, dear Rankine, think that I am invariable to the disappointments and trials you have suffered. I feel them keenly, and would suffer much myself rather than that



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You should suffer; but I repeat that we have  
 our own the best we could, a working & the  
 light we had; and that experience teaches me  
 that at length we shall see that for best  
 knowledge in stone for us, the furtherment of your  
 degree since we are additional uncertain  
 I may present position here for another year, if  
 you since we strength to do it; and I hope  
 when the year ends we shall see that he has  
 rounded all for greater good & us all, I pray  
 certainly that you may help me, and since  
 you form with all you have anything to do  
 with: see you must be patient & patient

P.S. Please enclosed the money for a month & your  
 address, so that we can do it as early as  
 possible.

With affection  
 Your affectionate  
 father