Terrebonne Island office 22d. May 1823

My dear Sir,

I hear that you left Montreal on Sunday for London. not a word from the Revd. Mr. Mills: I scarcely can account for this long silence on a subject so important to us. I dare say that Mr. Vervais Report of his communication with Mr. Mills was a fabrication of his own. We know Mr. Vervais to be of unsound principles - for he was always a Firebrand - no body can bear him though all pity his family for their extreme poverty under his bad management. I have called on Mr. Sequin for a sight of Mr. Mills letter to him - he did not give me a refusal but has not complied with my wish. I have however procured a sight of it underhand through Mr. Cyll. Who I suppose made a translation of it for the Owners. It states that Mr. Vervais was to remain at Terrebonne on condition of the Petitioners conforming to the act of 41 .. Geo. 3d. - building a School House & conveying the same to the Royal Institution. And further that he was to address you on the subject being one of the Commissioners of the former House. I suppose meaning the French School House - which they interpreted to mean the Protestant School House & which of course was to become theirs to the prejudice of the English. This would be an extraordinary measure indeed - the Protestants here built a School House at their own Expence in 1809 - procured a Salary for their Schoolmaster from Government in 1811 - in 1822 the Royal Institution declined sanctioning the salary unless the School House was regularly conveyed to them - this was immediately done and in 1823 Lo! & behold the House is taken from them and given to their adversaries! Thus Mr. Vervais whose only merit is his poverty is to deprive not only English Education but all education away from Terrebonne - Miss Margaret has been very ill for these two days. Yours faithfully

Rod. McKenzie

P.S. Mr. John may work upon the Clergy side of he chuses -

22 May 1823

Rod. McKenzie

Recd

opposition à l'Ecclesiastique
en Nouvelle-Écosse
en décembre 1809
en les Vervins, mortes
à Lille, hommes
civils, non-prêtres
[illegible] respectueux

[illegible] Esqr.

No 1

29.5.23

My dear Sir

I feel so much ashamed of the interlude of the Royal Institution that I have not exhibited your letter to the Subcom to any one. What is the good of making conditions in such cases when the making of the Committee will reverse the translations of another. Now with our poor is mentioned in the Bill of 1801. It was made for the education of all. With this difference that the Rich pay the schoolmaster the same rate paid in other schools. While the poor or rather the very poor are exempted to be taught gratis. The Institution may make rules but they cannot go beyond the letter of the law. If they will take away our schoolmaster let them restore our school house. And we shall do as we had done before the Royal Institution existed. Have our English schoolmaster of our own choice. Pray what part of the Bill states that there shall be only one school of Rule Bond in the parish. If Children come from a farm to the protestant school out of our parish. Shews that the school is a good one. I believe we are beyond the limits of the village towards the French School. and if they take away the English School. there will be no French

should the one being made to counteract the other – that is to counteract English Education and English principles – Mr Shute address His Excellency on the Subject – He gave the salary – and it is only he can take it away – Mr Mills need not trouble him on the subject – The school is of no particular advantage to me although it has cost me a great deal of trouble and expense – I have a boy in Mr Shute's school for whom I pay as high there as any where else – The only difference if the Protestants must send their children to Roman Catholic schools the first principle taught them will be the tenets of that religion – I wish you would speak to Mr Rigland on this subject as well as Mr J. Stewart and to the Chief Justice – I am sorry that you have a deal of business – still in your leisure you have an opportunity to think of this provincial business – Nothing of our promotions – Miss Morgan is better – though not much better –

Please send my letters carefully to myself I do not like to trust them – They however being a mere trifle will go under

her cross. Mr. M'K is in church the rest of the family is well. I shall be happy to hear from you as often as you will find it convenient to write me. My dear Jas.

Yours faithfully
Rod. McKenzie

P.S. I lent the Doctors letter on the School to Mr. Cochran for his own perusal and as a friend in case steps were taken against us through his office you ought to call on him if you can do it.

Hardwood Thursday 29th May 1823

29th May 1823.
R. McKenzie

1823

William Esquire

Schools: Insa-
tisfactory.
Protestants vs Catholic
Royal Institution

No 3

12.6.23 ✓

Terrebonne 12th June 1823

My dear Sir

I have had a letter from you yesterday and I have with great pleasure received the compliments. Your former letters were very satisfactory to us all. I hope that your efforts have defeated the enemy and that Mr. Walker will remain in the quiet possession of his Home. At Pointe Coupée he addressed a letter to the Earl of Dalhousie laying before his Excellency in the clearest light the whole of her grievances and the nature of the attack upon her present Rendition. What letter of Doctors not got upon the Royal File with that of the Doctors may be a sufficient ground for his Salary. All that you have written to us upon that subject we have kept to ourselves. The other party know nothing of it. Mr. Vinsen high Tory has fallen off greatly and appears now upon the other extreme for we hear nothing further of him. Only that he keeps school with a few pupils & that he lives in a hut some where near his own. I believe his friends are not much disposed to build for him. When they made that generous offer probably they did not expect that the Royal Institution would retract their rules and accept of it. On my part I shall never meddle again with that ungrateful Concern.

On the 9th Judgment was given in the Terrebonne Suit and I enclose communication to me on that subject runs as follows. Yesterday the Court gave Judgment completely against you. They dismissed the Tutor and his Intervention. But Mr. Rolland has heard nothing from the Bench to induce him to change his opinion. He therefore wishes you to come in about the end of the Term to give Security in order to have the Suit appealed to Quebec. I shall Alexander in Yesterday with instructions to have the necessary papers ready for my Signature next Saturday

the Court have discharged the Laws of Canada, that is the old French Laws from them possession and founded their Judgment it seems upon the Clause about Wills in the Quebec Act or 14th of the Late King - I understand that though they measure means to confirm the Sale it does convey more Security to me than I had before - so that he cannot do otherwise than to appeal - The Decision I hear is read in its nature and therefore will require the opinion of all the Great Judges in Canada before it shall become a precedent -

Jacob is here. The Raft left this end of the Island yesterday John is going to Montreal on account of this day I suppose to look out for an assortment of new Goods - Your family is well. Miss Margaret who had been very ill indeed seems at present entirely recovered and is gone to pay a visit to her friends in Montreal by way of variety. I myself had a bad cold lately - but am getting over it. The weather has been very unsteady all this Spring. I understand that Indian Corn and other tender plants have suffered from frost in the back Settlements - Other Grain looks cheering well all over the Country. We have had plenty of Trade this Season at least more plentiful than it had been for several Years back - It sold for about 2½d each. After being so long out of business the fatigue & bustle of it cannot be altogether very agreeable to you - I hope however that your endeavors will be attended with success which will of some satisfaction to you. I was up this morning at 4 a.m. it is now 5. Perhaps I may find matter for the other side by by.

the Post is come in - nothing new by it. nor is there any thing remarkable since writing the other side in the morning - I have seen Mrs O - She looks exceedingly well - I had some talk with Mr Joseph Turgeon on her Gallery - He does not believe the confirmation of the Sale to me by the Court valid - Mrs Mackenzie desires her kind remembrance to you. I suppose Mr Bills family have removed to Three Rivers - Should you see any of them please offer them my regards - as also to James my brother &c. I remain my dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Rod. Mackenzie

11 a.m.

12 June 1823
R. McKenzie

Eight Dollars
Quebec
12 June 1823

Inclosed contains two
pounds eight shillings
& twelve pence

Sirs

paid

Paid

Jacob Oldham Esquire
M.P. &c &c &c

Quebec

R. McK.

19.6.23

My dear Sir

The Post brought me your favor of the 18th this morning. I feel highly obliged to you for the trouble you have taken. If our cause will be lost there is no help for it - but seeing we are engaged in it we must go on with it and hope for the best. The case is a hard one - for the sake of others it is right to give it every chance in order to prevent a bad precedent. Judge Reed cannot consider it in a clear light - otherwise he would not be desired to employ so many able lawyers here and at Auburn to defend it - our defendants rests on the papers already produced and the explanations given - the Judges of the Court of Appeals are independent and well informed men. I am very sorry that we have lost the abilities of Mr Williams - particularly as he is Mr Rolland's agent at Auburn. I am not acquainted with the other - Mr Rolland will employ I suppose some suitable one - perhaps he has you mentioned for I have given him communication of your letter. No doubt Mr Rolland himself will make it a point to be present on that occasion - Should you see Mr Williams you will learn from him who is Mr

Rolland's agent. and if the worst for the appeal was sent off by him. for it was of him that Mr Rolland had asked it.

I do not consider the purchase a bad Bargain. and I might have disposed of it to advantage long since had my title been considered good. the misfortune has no ~~bey~~ bringing it into Court and trying it there and determined for four or five years. Before it went into Court things went on badly as you might have seen by the accounts. but even then I was obliged to lay on my back waiting a decision either one way or the other. indeed we had reason to expect the decision that is given from the connection of the Court with the prosecutor. But having been informed from the very person that prosecuted against me that ~~the~~ Law was on my side threw me off my guard. and we took opportunities for the preparation. Then do not speak of this last circumstance. I suppose the person noticed it. could not help himself. this however gives me an idea that our cause may still turn out favorably. nay I scarcely have doubt of success notwithstanding Mr Valleres opinion to the contrary. the friend Mr A. Stewart who of course is on the other side. assured us that the sale was illegal and would not stand good in Law. but he was not paid for his opinion. all this place keep to yourself.

last ordr

It is better not to make enemies - some no advantage can be derived from it. If the Lunsfory becomes mine I think form some connections in business which may be carried on to advantage - after building the new Mills - a work of two or three months. or I shall dispose of the Lunsfory - Should you see any person willing to lay out his money on such a property - you may give a hint on the subject - £21,000 at least will remain of the purchase money during the life of my Sister in Law - who is still a young woman - your family is well and as you would wish them to be. Mrs is also well. Your Mother often

Mention your name - have you ever spoken to Mr. Vassal. I heard in Montreal that you were expected up. Nova Circeli was buried this morning. Our Crops do not look healthy. Hay looks bad. Weather dreadfully hot these two or three days. Gardens so so. I suppose some of the family will write you. John has been here since I began this letter. Nevans makes no noise. his friends ought to be ashamed of him. My dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Rod. MacKenzie

Scotsburn Mill office
19th June 1823

19 June 1823

RMK

Au sujet d'un procès
pour achat de la Hispanie
Illustrissimes / Gouverneur
Le Gouverneur

Received
19th June 1823

4.12.23

Dublin 4th Dec. 1823

Dear John

I write you to prevent any disappointment at the arrival of the Coach on Sunday. All I can tell you about my friend Mr. Goldham is that he delivered up his Government Charge on the 1st and that I have not seen him since. I however hear that he is well. I shall call at his Lodgings and at the House of Assembly for him and so catch him he happens to be out of the way. I have received by the Post your despatch inclosing the General Return of the Tipperary Division and thank you for the trouble of making it up. Indeed this should have been the business of Major Moses who should instead have signed in my absence. I am very sorry for the death of John Ryan. he was a good man and took an active part in the settlement. His Uncle always about the Castle and the old man seemed in great fear the other day that his ~~[illegible]~~ old man ~~[illegible]~~ provided for in the Settlement. I shall hear the particulars of the decease of his nephew and I suppose the widow will take no steps to regulate the affairs until she hears from her uncle. I can take no notice of Mr. Kattigan's letter until I shall know the decision of the Commissioners. Should he come your way say to him that I have written to the building of the Mills cannot exceed £800 including all expences. If he is the man he appears to be I would wish to employ him rather by the Job or as millwright to superintend the work at so much a year. I should say £100. You can forward him after this despatch

I hope Solsbale will attend to making a provision of timber for the new Water Wheel and let a sufficient quantity of all kind of machinery timber be laid aside from the Piles for the new Mills. This ought to be done immediately. Otherwise we shall have to send far and pay dear for planks boards &c when we shall require them.

The Duke has written me regarding the amount due from his brother. This letter I received last night and shall see about the contents. That the business may be done as to ought perhaps I shall instruct Mr Cathcart to superintend it. My compliments to the Doctor.

I do not recollect if I have written fully about the Inventories. I however meant that the Inventories & balances for should form a statement to the 1st of Jan. what is the date mentioned in the Deed of sale. At the beginning of the next year a set of new Books such as those now in use must be had from Mr Brown of Montreal. That is to say a Cash Book, a Journal, a Day Book a Ledger, a Book of Accounts Current and a Register for the Mills. Each to contain their proper & form and ruled. The Copies the Rules the better. It is difficult and not satisfying to be left eternally in this state of suspense & uncertainty to the concerns in which I am unfortunately engaged. Should the Parties continue to give it a pause I shall appeal to the King in Council for Justice as this is the opinion of my Lawyers. but this you will of course keep from the ears of Strangers. My best wishes to all at home.

Yours &c
Ross. Mc Intyre

Hon.ble R. McKenzie
Lauba 4 Dec.r 1823

achetée le seigneur
et prêtes.
tout d'un hiver
des Sauvages de
portage de Dauphin

Free

Sir Alexander Ross
C.F.A.
Stillwater

31.1.25

Dear John

It is right to send notices round. These fellows were the best among them will not pay without threats or even Coertion. I fear Harry in his scheme of new mills will again be making some hasty business of more stand than ever. I do not know whether the means for new mills are to be procured. The family at home are absolutely starving. The present mills kept going and unable to answer all the immediate purposes requisite. as Mr Lyddy. He will complain of the mills - for he actually wishes for new ones - but I think this is not exactly the time we ought to settle old accounts and he have his stand before we venture upon new speculations. Harry did not leave me a word upon the subject. I cannot get these government officers to attend to your papers. Mr Bonnells young man promised me the other day that my commands would be instantly obeyed - their father was here yesterday. and he never heard a word upon the business. However he said that he would take the papers in hand and see them passed through. I shall look after them - for am really well tired. But wishing to all

Yours affectionately

Rob. MacKenzie

John McKenzie Esq
&c &c &c

31st. Jany. 1825

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John Mackenzie Esquire
P.M.
Terrebonne

Recd McKenzie Esqr
31st Jany 1825

moulin

H McKenzie voulait batir des moulins neufs, pourvu par le meunier Sibb. [illegible] est content pour le moment

de : correspondance McKenzie - manuscrits