

Lambton 11th Decr. 1828.

Dear John

I sincerely congratulate you in the late
addition to your little family and in the happy recovery from her troubles
of the mother. My wife wrote me of it by Mr. Mitchell. Her letter came
to hand about the same time with yours. My way of writing is in
the morning after Breakfast on such days I sit down and scribble a scrawl
which to most will be long. My communication does not exceed the size of
a Bank note and I don't say it brings to her equal satisfaction with
a Bank note such as are in common currency throughout the country.
I have been trying but have not as yet succeeded in procuring your picture -
One satisfaction is that you are not singular - the attorney general
has placed the whole Country in the same predicament with respect
for I hear from the very best authorities that he has not spent half an
hour of his time since he has been in office - This is a great and a
Crying evil - which certainly cannot remain long without a remedy
to redress. About an hour ago I sent a message by James Mitchell
to him - for James was going to pay him an amount for the Company -
he being their lawyer. In short I have called every where in a way
of the delay put upon this matter. You will recollect that
I advised him or three years ago on this subject by petition - but
nothing was done in consequence of this application and he not in
such familiar terms with the present Governor as I was with his predecessor.
I know that he too is the friend of Lord Dalhousie - and has not abandoned
his measures which appear at variance with those of his friends - but
the truth is these affairs follow their instructions - for what great
and good reason they should not be subject to blame - however unpleasant
the effect of their proceedings may seem to some individuals - there is
great deal of business to be done which I fear will hardly be got through before
Christmas. My inclination is still bent on having a bill to obtain leave
under the present Reign is a question that I cannot discuss at present
but James Kemble and his officers make themselves very agreeable

in society at the Castle - but I am not aware that they either
received or accept of invitations from it. Where's Post at the
Castle the expressions and great desire are to make every one
present feel at home. Yet the absence of Lady Dalhousie brings
a general gloom on the society of Leinster particularly at this
dark and busy season. Mr. Gore received a line from Lady
Dalhousie on the arrival of the Steamer - Mr. Bell had written
from Captains Maule & Col. Ramsey wrote some letters at
the same time and then were all the intelligence received as yet
from that good and noble family since their departure - of
course all are anxious for news. His noble entertaining heart
Lord Dalhousie and his family are regretted by all the respectable
Citizens of Leinster. We shall find it hard to be too late
that Lord Dalhousie cannot easily be equalled in good government
The House of Assembly is not tiller than it was of course all must
allow that the evil is in that House and not in their Government.
Then mention me kindly to Mrs. Fitzgibbon & the children as well as to
Mr. O'Hara. My best regards went on our other friends. You may
say to the President Mr. St. John that to introduce rules which to
alter the existing rules of the Royal Institution a Bill must pass in
the provincial parliament to authorize the change. It was owing
to this circumstance that the Catholic Bishop and a Catholic
Board had his late suspension there - This Bill is to be given in
charge to the Honorable Judge Tuckey in Council of the
province who also preside compare the Committee of the Royal
Board must report - even when there are two boards or two committees
The number of ministers that will compare both. Committed according
to the Law or rules of the Institution and Term - It that all
this term the proceedings of the Institution have been irregular -
and this is the opinion of the [Royal Institution] attorney general -
My friend Mr. Brown writes me about the victory shown by
the Defenders in England - but he has been consulting their present
proceedings in the House - and he will allow that the House does
not consider that the victory was not on their side - but on

side of these adversaries - who in consequence are now very great
wanting the result. The openly notwithstanding the Decision of the
British Committee which is called an "evolutionary movement" of Canadian
virtues and talents - is again at work at their old Government
banking at L. D. - but the more they will do it, the more it
will be against them. Pray how does our excellent
friend the Doctor take this matter - I must suppose that he
takes them all in good faith - for he can see into a millstone
as best as far as his mother tongue is - he expects something
must and will be done in England to put matters to rights
but James says that he will give the House all the information
in his power - which all that they may have to say - and
knows that the whole without any hesitation to England.
It is understood here I do not know how true that
he opposed the Government in this country against his
will - but above this is a report which requires
confirmation. Poor Walker is no more - I hear
my old friend Mr. Wilcock takes his place. This gentleman is
able enough - but I presume that he will not inordinate long
be disposed in violation of opposition to rule and reason. It
is now 2 P.M. - Thursday is generally a Holy-day both Houses
still the Committee are in operation. I have obtained the
loan of the Report of the Committee of the House of Commons -
it contains 359 folio pages - It contains some very
information accompanied with the most excellent above founded
upon false hood - so far as it regards the conduct of the
Deputies - which circumstances when the truth comes out will
claim the whole. Adieu!

Robt. Mackenzie

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