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Dear Sir

The season being now fast approaching when it will be necessary for all the North West Partners to attend to their departments for the summer, it behoves us to consider the manner in which each can be best employed in order to forward the general plan of business - taking a view of all the company's concerns a due share of our attention must be given to the acquisitions lately made of the Posts below Quebec & particularly to the intended adventure by Capt Richards & the Establishments to be made in Hudson Bay. Notwithstanding the appointment of Mr Shaw by the A. W. Co, which would be sufficient had he only the Kings Post to attend to, we find further assistance will now be required, at least for this year, as justice cannot be done to these different objects; for we have but few people here acquainted with the trade, and, as if to chalk out more work below, Mr Grant has refused to give us the lease of Mainau tho' we have offered to come up to his terms. —

It seldom happens that we are obliged to change the destination of any wintering partner from the situation most agreeable to himself, but circumstances absolutely require that you should attend to this new business for one year more, when there will be no obstacle (that we can foresee) to your return to the North West.

The intention is that Mr Shaw shall go across the Country by Lac Mistassini & meet the vessel in Hudson's Bay & that, after settling matters there, he shall return to Quebec. — That in his absence during the summer you shall take the superintendance of the Kings Post & that when he returns you shall go & take the management of the Post that may be established in the Bay. — The distance from Chicoutim to East Main Factory we do not consider greater than from the Grand Portage to Lac Quimapique, consequently there will be sufficient time to pass & repair

repairs during the season. — Your stay below we can explain to the N. W. Partners to be for the general interest, and your own particular concerns cannot suffer, for you are a Party to our new West agreement, & entitled to all its Benefits. —

We think it best that on your return to Quebec you should immediately come up here, when we can talk over matters, & ~~still~~ settle our plans better than by correspondence —

We are dear Sir

Your obedient servant

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