

Fort William July 11th 1813

Dear John,

Here I am once more, as Crazy as ever and playing
my Pranks as usual - So that I endeavour to make my time
pass away with as much jollity as I possibly can - The by
the bye, I ought to tell you that time is becoming almost as
scarce with us here, as Provisions are in Montreal - for what
with ~~with~~ our employment in the Park &c: we have
few leisure hours to boast - Poor La Louis, to whom I gave
(agreeable to your instructions) a Pair of Carols, the Emerald, &
the Clasp Set with Spar, has lost her Love who died
in Course of the winter - I have heard no news of the others
Mr. Thomson is not yet arrived - nor Mr. J. MacMillan
from Athabasca some accident I fear has befallen him on
his way out - As soon as I understand when I am to send
you other Presents - you may depend I shall not delay
forwarding them as quick as possible - By this time you
have no doubt been obliged to march to encounter the
Americans - I heartily hope you have, in that case, come
off with glory & Honour - and always sound in mind
and Body - I see by the Montreal Gazette dated 4th
June that the Fencibles had remained in the Lower Pro-
vince - I suppose this will not be disagreeable to you
the

the I dont doubt but what you might be better pleased to
go to upper Canada - I hope you will write me all the news
from below - Should you go to Battle - you will I am persuaded
be kind enough to write me an account of the different scenes
you know many little particulars might transpire of what
of which you may happen to be an eye witness - and yet
these things considered too trivial for the Public Prints - maybe
to a friend make a good, and entertaining Subject for a Letter
therefor I beg you will not be sparing of your Paper, it is
Cheaper in Montreal than here and you may have perhaps
spare time enough to commit ^{them} to paper - You see by this
way of calculating I expect a great Cargo of news in your
Letter next year - do not disappoint me now - I beg of you

In any Part you may depend I shall endeavour to be as punctu-
al as possible - you have here a Specimen of my prolixity
for here is a Sheet full almost of nothing and yet I am
yet going on - All the Fond au Lac, Dupuyar, Pic, Mi-
-cheletton, Lac La Pluie, ^{Gentlemen} & Mr. Abt. Henry from Fort des
Prairies, Mr. Patrick Small and Mr. Mills from Red River are
all here - as also our Facetous Morrison who keeps us
all alive at this dullest of Places - The Returns I believe
are good, still not Satisfactory - but you know, plus
L'Orable en a, plus ils vent en avon, Von Joseph &
Mr. Hugh are gone to the Columbia - when we shall

Shall hear from him again time only can determine - Patrick
Small is now a stout & strapping fellow - and withal a good
Looking Lad - we expect several other of the Clerks
from the Interior out - so that Fun must exist when so
many of us will be gathered together - La Louis is very
Proud of what you sent her, and I dare say would thank you
a thousand times for your remembrance, if you possessed the
necessary qualifications to do so - I believe your patience is
now almost worn out with this long unmeaning Letter - yet
I must ~~yet~~ still detain you a little longer - Before I left Mon-
real I could not go to Tenabonne to see Mr. & Mrs. Mc-
Kenzie - I was vexed because I could not and now I
am almost enraged about it - for I have understood from
Miss Kenith L. at ^{since} MacKenzie - that Mr. MacKenzie
was very much displeas'd at me - your Father know my
situation too well to be angry - Please mention that it was
not owing to want of respect if I did not go - and
Believe me to be with unfeigned Sincerity

Dear John

Your most Obedt.
Servant & well wisher
Wm^d Ford^d Wentzell

Ensign John MacKenzie of the
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