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see 2 June 1854
and 15th March

En Route. Bonne Postage

Clear Water River

22nd July 1854

My dear Alex

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Your welcome letters of 18 March & 11th April reached me this afternoon, the RR Brigades having had an extraordinary passage up (& we having been detained later than usual) sent forward my letters - as usual there is something to bother me - another supply of provisions & 3 Boat Loads - having been sent in for the use of Cap: McClures party should they be such idiots as to come to McWhuer - and this without giving me due warning so that I might prepare Craft on this side of the Postage, this, with my own Dis Affairs, has given me enough to think of & I must be brief even to you my dear Brother -

I need not say that I ~~was~~ grieved to learn the bereavement you have sustained in your dear little innocent, and also in the death of your poor sister in law. - Many thanks for the wages which you have united my money - use it freely for what it was intended if you

require it. - if not - You can leave it
where it is - or insert it in any way
you think fit - Sir George has just inserted
£400 for me on Mortgage at 8 p Cent - which
is good interest for Canada - If I can find
time to draw a Bill I may probably
remit by the present opportunity £200
more for you to insert in any safe way -

Regarding my promotion my friends
write me that I shall come in next year
with John McKenzie - it would therefore be
unadvisable for me to say anything
about furlough till this is secured - and
if possible I shall visit you when this
event occurs, but whether I do, or not,
it is pretty certain that ~~my settlement~~ when I
settle down it will be in your vicinity,
nothing that I at present can foresee,
is likely to make me change my views,
my better half also coincides with me -

I am happy indeed to learn that you
are getting on so flourishingly
My wife and Barris are all well
I believe your kind love, which I am bound
to say is most sincerely reciprocated - My
two Eldest Boys Alex & Jas. go out to the
Bishop's school by this opportunity &

Margaret & the family have accompanied
them so far - I had an excellent letter from
Mrs Mills regarding Eliza, she speaks favorably
of her - Mrs M. intends to leave the country
at the expiration of 2 Years - so that Eliza
will have the benefit of her tuition for that
period - Mr McKenzie is as well as
can be expected his daughter Jane is married
to Mr McKenzie of N. H. - his present
amanuensis is either one of his Grand Daughters
or one of poor Benjamin's Sons, the other
is educating for the Church at Cambridge
- death has been ripe - indeed poor Robert
- Rowland ~~did~~ fell down dead in the act of
scolding a man - he was a ^{correspondent &} warm friend of
mine, tho' I never saw him, - then there
are Mrs James - Ballenden, Black and Cummer
(Lewis daughter) - The promotions ^{to C.F.} - as I
told you - are Hopkins (53) & Swanton - & to
C.F. W. Christie, Graham & Watt of Quebec -
Ballenden has returned to N.H. - Black
going home, Buchanan has retired &
I hear the two Lincolns -

I bore two of my Alder officers - viz
Mr Beath & your old friend Lane - the latter
goes straight out to Canada he has been

most part of the
bed ridden ~~at~~ wanted -

Mr McKenzie requests me to ask you
to try and do something for Andrew and she
is at Wood's Lake at £50. Mr Jarvis tells
me he is a first rate Clerk. — By the

By do you think that Benjamin's Son
would do well in Oregon. Mr Jarvis
~~does not~~ knows not how to dispose of him.
He is well educated & of a fine disposition.

I should very much like to know
what George is doing - Mother Lou
never writes to me, like all the others
except poor Willy -

Our Mother was of course much
grieved to learn the death of poor Robert
- She insists on either of us furnishing
her with any more money as she
says her means are ample - I really
think that at her age, it would be
a hazardous experiment for her to
undertake the trip to Oregon. The
change of climate would most probably
affect her health - She is surrounded by
kind & attached friends & has every

