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James Anderson (1812-1868) was a Hudson's Bay Company trader and factor in the Mackenzie River District. He engaged in some exploration and headed the 1855 expedition to Back's River in search of the Sir John Franklin expedition.

The papers of James Anderson include reports, correspondence and journals, 1849-1863, an account of the Hannah Bay Massacre, 1832, and a few maps and plans. The transcripts were made in 1907 from originals then in the possession of James Anderson of Sutton, Ontario. The transcripts were done in two parcels, with a certain amount of duplication. An analysis of the papers was prepared; it forms the basis of this finding aid. Some of the maps and plans mentioned in the analysis do not appear in the transcripts. The papers are arranged in six volumes;

- 1 Correspondence and reports, 1850-1858 (4 inches)
  - 2 Journals, reports and correspondence, 1855-1858 (1 inch)
  - 3 Correspondence and miscellaneous papers, 1832, 1849-1863 (1 inch)
  - 4 Journals and correspondence, 1850-1855 (1 inch)
  - 5 Journals, 1854-1856 (1 inch)
  - 6 Journals, 1856-1858 (inch) and the transcriber's analysis
- (Volume 6 includes photostat copies of Anderson's report on the 1855 expedition, published in the Journal of the Royal Geographical Society, 1857, xxvi and xxvii.)

Volume 1 Correspondence and Reports 1850-1858

## File 1 (pp. 1-100)

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, dated Fort Chipewyan, Oct. 29, 1850 with postscript, dated Dec. 5. pp 1-12.

-Reporting on conditions and men in Athabaska.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Farand the Roman Catholic missionary "appears an unobtrusive amiable man and has had considerable success in converting the Indians". The Chipewyans headed by a half breed named Pishé [Piché] took up arms during the summer against the Red River Transport Brigade. The Indians are in an agitated state. "Most of the Indians are Christians, many of them read and write in Ewan's Phonetic mode." "Cheap Roman Catholic "chapelets" and silver crosses would sell well here". "In my opinion two active missionaries are amply sufficient. Our means of transport are two limited to admit of numerous missions being established at this quarter"

The same, dated Dec. 23, 1850, with postscript, dated Dec. 30, enclosing extract of a letter from C. T. Bell, and another from a person in the Mackenzie River District. pp. 12-15

-Reporting breaking of boat, stating reasons for not forwarding Mr. Lane to Fort Simpson, and advising against making Fort Chipewyan a Mission Station.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville at Norway House, dated Fort Chipewyan, Mar. 5, 1851. pp. 15-18.

-Discussing the filling of the post to be vacated by Mr. Boucher at Dunnegan, and explaining his reason for not forwarding Mr. Lane to Fort Simpson.

Letter from James Anderson to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Ruperts' Land, Red River. Dated Athabaska, Mar. 4, 1851.

-Thanking him for the kindness shown to Mrs. Anderson and for consenting to become sponsor for his young son. This letter contains an autobiographical paragraph.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville, dated Norway House, July 2, 1851. pp. 20-22.

-After a 39 day passage from Athabaska. Mr. Boucher has consented to return to Athabaska. Great obstacles are likely to prevent the conducting of 3 boats to Fort Simpson.

The same dated July 8, 1851 with postscript. pp. 23-25.

-Reporting the difficulty of hiring crews, and the steps taken to prevent bartering with the Indians especially in [leather] and grease. More Tea should be sold at Norway House. The journal of Mr. Campbell's describes a route by which the Locke River and Portage may possibly be avoided.

Letter of James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Norway House, July 3, 1851. pp. 25-28.

-Describing the circumstances of the destruction of the property of William Cameron of Goulaits Bay.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Head Rivière Maligüe, July 30, 1851. pp. 28-36.

-Assuring him that he will not discredit the recommendations Sir George had made to his appointment to the Mackenzie River District. The person who is appointed to the charge of Athabaska should retain it for some years as the continual change is much disliked by the Chipewyans. Mr. Black's false economy in offering low wages has resulted in inefficient crews.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated Portage des Pins near Lac Meuron, Aug. 2, 1851. pp. 36-39.

-Reporting progress of journey and measures taken to provide provisions for Esperance.

The same dated Portage la Loche, Aug. 27, 1851. pp. 40-42.

-Reporting progress of journey recommending a gratuity of 20s. to each good member of the crew, enclosing a letter from Mr. B. Ross regarding the "infamous state the Red River Guides delivered the R. outfit.

Letter from James Anderson to John Black, Fort Garry, Dated Portage la Loche, Aug. 27, 1851 pp. 43-46.

-Sending list of names of crew who deserve gratuity of £1 each, and detailing the merits of each.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 22, 1851. pp. 46-64

-giving an exhaustive and interesting Report of conditions and prospects in the various posts of the District. The description of Fort Simpson and its resources is of great interest.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson Nov. 26, 1851. pp. 64-76

-Reporting conditions on his arrival, describing the buildings, expressing his opinion that Head Quarters should be removed to Big Island, discussing the proposed new post at Martin Lake, commenting on the inadvisability of ascertaining the exact position of Fort Youcon [Yukon] lest it be found within Russian Territory.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 16, 1852. pp. 76-100.

-A confidential letter on the affairs of the District, giving an account of the profit and loss made at the Posts of Francis Lake, Pelly Banks and Selkirk; complaining of a complete relaxation of discipline and much extravagance, for which, however, Dr. Rae was culpable, of the manner in which important books and documents were exposed to the general view; asking for authorisation to visit the posts across the mountains to ascertain whether it be worth while to continue the Trade at Selkirk and also for permission to move headquarters to the Rapid above the Lake in the Mackenzie; declaring that "all idea of a Mission in this poor country be abandoned", stating the arrangements for Outfit, 1852. In the Postscript is the following paragraph-"Unless the 93<sup>d</sup> standing Rule-



by which only the Governor and Chief Trader can solemnize marriage be altered, the Protestants on this side Portage La Loche who may wish to marry must live in a state of concubinage, as the R.C. missionary at Athabaska told me that he could neither marry two Protestants nor a R.C. & a Protestant". The Postscript contains also observations on the characters of the officers.

File 2 (pp. 1-120)

"Index" - a list of correspondents, p. 1

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville, Red River. Dated Athabaska River, En route, July 10, 1852. pp. 2-14. [see volume 4 pp. 74-82]

-Enclosing a comparative statement of the Returns of Outfits 1850 and 1851, recommending the abandonment of Forts Selkirk and Youcon [Yukon] and the establishment of a post at Deep River, reporting the sending down of two witnesses for a murder trial and the intention of Mr. Lane to withdraw from the service, regretting that he was not authorised to move head quarters as proposed and commenting frankly on promotions made by the company.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated En Route below Pierre au Calumet Athabaska River. July 10, 1852. pp. 14-27.

-To the same tenour as the above.

Letter from James Anderson to Duncan Finlayson. Dated P. La Loche, July 18, 1852. p. 27

-Enclosing Bill of Exchange for £400 to be invested for him in Canada Either in the purchase of Montreal Bank stock or in a Safe Mortgage.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 20, 1852. pp. 28-45.

-Reporting on the State of the District, the attack on Selkirk on Aug. 21st previous by a large party of Chilcots and its consequent abandonment, advising against the reestablishment of the post, but suggesting steps to be taken should its reestablishment be determined upon, advising also the giving up of Francis Lake, and urging upon the company the attempt to open up a trade with the Esquimaux [Eskimo] at the mouth of the Mackenzie.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 29, 1852. pp. 45-52

-Expressing regret at Colville's departure from the country, reporting the attack of the Chilcots on Selkirk, advising against its reestablishment, protesting against discriminations against young gentlemen Educated at Red River, regretting that he had been obliged to give up his plan of moving headquarters to the Rapid owing to the absence of wood, declaring that the Northern District is badly officered, giving the list of appointments.

Letters from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 10, 1853, pp. 59-86.

This valuable letter is the same as that given in volume 4, ppp. 51-73.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 10, 1853, marked "private". pp. 86-98.

Giving the results of his investigation into the affairs of the Posts across the Mountains and of Frances Lake. Anderson's policy as outlined in this letter is "to abandon all enterprises in the direction of Frances Lake and Selkirk as utterly hopeless, to endeavour by degrees to open up a communication with the Esquimaux at the mouth of this River, to furnish the numerous Indians of the Barren Grounds with Traps to catch the Foxes which infest those regions in incredible numbers and to reduce our expenses within the lowest limits compatible with efficiency.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated Athabaska River July 12, 1853 pp.98-109

-Reporting improvement in the returns of the district chiefly in Martins and Bears, the death of Mr. A.R. Peers, Mr. Hardisty's leave of absence, the health of other officers, the Outfits for 1853 and 1854, the advisability of moving Fort Norman; his views regarding the management of Athabaska; the question of establishing missions: - "I must say that these missions do anything but improve either the minds or morals of the Indians".

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Boat Athabaska River, July 12, 1853, pp. 110-119. The same as Vol. 4 pp. 1-10.

Letter from James Anderson to W. G. Smith, London. Dated Portage La Loche, July 16, 1853. pp. 120-122.

-Requesting him to send a gold Hunting Watch and silver pencil case, and stating that nothing has been heard of Sir John Franklin.

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Letter from James Anderson to Duncan Finlayson, La Cherie, Dated Portage La Loche, July 23, 1853. pp. 122-123.

-Expressing disappointment that his funds had not been invested in Montreal Bank Stock.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 24, 1853. Marked 'Private and Confidential'. pp. 124-142

-Reporting narrow escape from being wrecked in Great Slave Lake, the theft by the Wood Indians of what had been left by the Chilcots at Selkirk, commending the zeal displayed by Mr. Hardisty, reporting on conditions and men in the district, urging that the power of granting leave of absence to a meritorious officer be given to the person in charge of the district, severely criticising Bishop Taché's policy of planting missions and asking for an interpreter for Fort George.

Letter from James Anderson to the Governor, Deputy Governor and Committee of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Co., London. Dated Portage La Loche, July 16, 1853. p. 142.

-Requesting them to honor any Bills presented by his brother Alexander C. Anderson to the Amount of £200.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 31, 1854. pp. 143-149.

-Discussing the returns of the Youcon [Yukon], reporting the rumors that the Chilcots had designs on that post, commending Mr. Hardisty very highly, conditions at Peels' River receive special attention. Fort Rae promises to be one of the most valuable posts in the District. Lane is falling fast.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Portage La Loche, July 25, 1854. pp. 149-157.

Reporting that the Arctic Search Expedition supplies had been sent off. The following sentence is of interest, - "The project regarding the establishment of the Moravian Mission at Liverpool Bay, supplying it by the McKenzie appears to me to be about one of the most insane schemes that ever entered into ever the inflamed brain of a half-crazed missionary". Anderson regrets that his previous letters had not convinced Sir George of the utter hopelessness of the establishment at Frances Lake. Anderson complains that juniors have been promoted over his head and that he has been unjustly treated.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated Portage La Loche, July 28, 1854. pp. 157-160.

-To the same tenour as the above.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 27, 1854. Marked 'Private and Confidential'. pp. 161-187.

-The same as volume 4, pp. 11-34.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 28, 1854. pp. 187-188.

-Requesting him to dispose of his railroad stock and to transfer the proceeds for investment to his brother Alexander.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir John Richardson, Harlar Hospital. Dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 28, 1854. pp. 189-191.

-Stating that he will use his utmost endeavour to secure the remainder of the skeleton of the elephant, and that he has heard nothing of dispatches entrusted to the Eskimos by Capt. McClure.

Letter from James Anderson to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 29, 1854, pp. 192-194.

Relating to the education at Red River of his two sons.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated at Fort Simpson, Mar. 25, 1855. pp. 194-200.

The same as volume 3 pp. 117-122.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated at Fort Simpson, May 6, 1855. pp. 201-216.

The same as volume 3 pp. 123-136.



Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated at Fort Simpson, May 1, 1855. pp. 216-227. [Compare with volume 3 pp. 137]

-Expressing his honor at being appointed to the command of the Arctic Search Expedition, reporting on the preparations that were being made, commending the sending of the 3 Iroquois as canoeemen, and stating his plans and prospects. A Postscript reports the progress made to June 15: to 15 miles from Big Island.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, La Chine or En Route. Dated at Fort Simpson. Mar. 30, 1855 pp. 228-230.

The same as volume 3 pp. 137-139.

Letter from James Anderson to Mr. James Green Stewart, Fort Resolution. Dated at Fort Simpson, Mar. 30, 1855. pp. 230-233.

The same as volume 2 pp. 82-85

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, La Chine, C.E. Dated at Fort Resolution, June 1855. pp. 233-236.

The same as volume 2, pp. 86-89.

<sup>11</sup>Notes regarding Navigation of the West Branch Ic. " -

Notes: Frances Lake and Pelly Ic. Cont<sup>d</sup> p. 230-241

The West Branch of the Hard, - p. 237  
The same as volume 4 pp. 46-50

Extracts of a letter from Mr. R. Campbell to J. Lee Lewis C.F. dated June 26, 1842, and the letter to C.F. McPherson, Nov. 30, 1846. -p. 242.

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Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated En Route, Great Slave Lake, Sept. 14, 1855, pp. 1-8.

The same as volume 3 pp. 86-93

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson. Nov. 29, 1855, pp. 8-18.

The same as volume 3 pp. 94-97.

Letter from James Anderson to Lady Franklin. Dated En Route from Fort Simpson to Fort Resolution. Detained by ice. June 7, 1855. pp. 18-23

The same as volume 3 pp. 98-101.

These letters to Lady Franklin and Eden Colville constituting pp. 24-39 are the same as in volume 3, pp. 102-109 and 110-116.

Letter from James Anderson to Wm. G. Smith. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 22, 1855. pp. 40-41.

Acknowledging receipt of promotion to position of Chief Factor and enclosing letter of advice to the Governor and Committee in favor of his brother Alexander C. Anderson to the amount of £300.



Letter from James Anderson to Alexander C. Anderson, Washington Territory, U.S. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 22, 1855. pp. 41-42  
 Advising him that the Company will his draft to the amount of \$300 and enclosing power of attorney.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Feb. 16, 1856 pp. 42-48  
 The same as volume 2 pp. 97-103 together with map (p. 48).

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, Dated Fort Simpson, Feb. 22, 1856 pp. 51-56  
 The same as volume 2 pp. 141-143

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 24, 1856. pp. 56-60  
 Expressing dissatisfaction with Mr. Stewart for retarding despatches and for over-paying A. Iaferfé

Letter from James Anderson to J. G. Stewart. Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 24, 1856. pp. 60-62  
 -The same as volume 2 pp. 95-96.

Letter from James Anderson to the Governor and Council of the Northern Department. Dated at Fort Simpson, Mar. 26, 1856. pp. 62-66.  
 -The same as volume 2 pp. 91-94.

Letter from James Anderson to John Swanston. Dated at Fort Simpson, Mar. 24, 1856. pp. 68-691  
 The same volume 2 pp. 90.

Letter from James Anderson to the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land. Dated En Route to Portage La Loche, July 3, 1856. pp. 69-71.

Thanking him for kindness shown his children, asking that Archdeacon Hunter "give an eye to them", presenting him with a dress of the Eskimo and requesting him to point out to the Governor and Committee the injustice done to young gentlemen educated at Red River in giving them the inferior status of apprentice Post Masters.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated En route to Portage La Loche, near the Tar Springs, July 10, 1856, pp. 72-90.

Reporting record returns for his district and giving a comparative statement of the increase or decrease of each post. Anderson complains of the building of the Roman Catholic mission at L'Isle d' Original. He must himself take a furlough owing to the condition of his leg. The letter reports on the services of various officers, and especially upon the conduct of Mr. Stewart at Chipewyah, and in a postscript of July 17, discusses the new arrangements and promotions. Another postscript of July 21 discusses Stewart and the payment of Mr. Lockhart.

Letter from James Anderson to Mr. Lockhart. Dated at Portage La Loche, July 23, 1856. pp. 90-91

This letter requests Mr. Lockhart to acquaint Sir George Simpson of what he had heard of Mr. Stewart's conduct on the trip down the Great Fish River. Mr. Lockhart's letter which follows says that Mr. Stewart was not only useless but an encumbrance on the Expedition.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir John Richardson. Dated en route for Portage La Loche, July 4, 1856. pp. 91-98

Forwarding a copy of the Journal of his voyage to Point Ogle and a sketch of the route from Great Slave Lake to Lake Ayler. The letter is a compendium of the Journal of the voyage and is of interest also because it adverts to the Beghula River for which Anderson prepared an expedition. [the map was not copied]

Letter from James Anderson to John Rae. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 29, 1856, pp. 98-100.

Correcting accounts of the expedition down Fish River furnished to Minnesota and Montreal papers by Mr. Stewart.

Letter from James Anderson to James G. Stewart, Cumberland House. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 25, 1886, pp. 101-102.

Asking him to inform Sir George Simpson officially of the terms he guaranteed to Mr. Lockhart.

Letter from James Anderson to W.G. Smith, Secretary Honorable Hudson's Bay Company, Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 28, 1856, pp. 102-104.

Correcting accounts of the Expedition down Fish River furnished to Minnesota and Montreal papers by Mr. Stewart

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 26, 1856, pp. 104-122.

Indicating variations in appointments he had been obliged to make, stating that his health made it essential for him to come out in 1858, announcing the breaking out of the feud between the Eskimo and the Loncheux Indians. The letter discusses fully the difficulties of making out an indent and of restricting the sales to officers and servants, and concludes by correcting the accounts of the expedition furnished to Minnesota and Montreal papers by Mr. Stewart, and by demanding justice in the payment of Mr. Lockhart.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, La Chine, C.E., Dated at Fort Simpson, Mar. 25, 1857. pp. 122-133.

Giving the Returns, of Yukon, Peels' River, Good Hope, Halkett, Fort Rae, etc, the state of Mr. Miles' health, the alteration of the tariff in Athabaska district, acknowledging the Admiralty award of £400, and calling attention to the careless way in which letters are forwarded.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated at Portage La Loche, July 16, 1857. pp. 133-148.

Enclosing a comparative list of furs indicating the increase or decrease of each post, announcing M<sup>r</sup>Farlane's departure to explore the Beghula River, insisting that he be allowed to go out the following year. A postscript of July 26 acknowledges the receipt of permission to leave, also of counsel with regard to Mr. Stewart to meet him on civil terms. The letter very frankly discusses the moral and morale situation in the district, - "A stop should be put to sending bad characters or troublesome men to this remote district. Our moral force is all we have to depend upon".

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 15, 1857, pp. 148-169.

Reporting on his recent trip suggesting the appointment of a Chief Trader to conduct each brigade from and to Norway House, complaining of the infamous conduct of Mrs. Maxwell, discussing the question of a successor at Fort Simpson, stating the arrangements for the posts for the coming season, regretting the decision of the Council to refuse Mr. Lockhart his just wages, and giving a short sketch of Mr. M<sup>r</sup>Farlane's expedition to examine the Beghula River.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 5, 1857. pp. 170-173.

Reporting on the disgraceful conduct of his brother-in-law's wife, Mrs. Maxwell.

Letter from James Anderson to Robert Campbell. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 28, 1857 and marked 'Confidential'. pp. 173-174.

Arranging for the departure of Mr. Maxwell.

Letter from James Anderson to Wm. G. Smith. Dated at Portage La Loche, 20 July 1857. p. 175

Requesting him to procure a double actioned concertina with a book of instructions.

Letter from James Anderson to Wm. G. Smith. Dated at Portage Loche, July 20, 1857. p. 175.

Acknowledging receipt of letter informing him of the government grant of \$4,000 for services on the Arctic Expedition. [in search of Sir John Franklin, 1855]

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, La Chine. Dated at Portage La Loche, July 29, 1857. p. 176

Enclosing a letter of credit for \$500 to be invested in "in some secure manner in Canada".



File 5 (pp. 171-308)

Letter from James Anderson to the Governor and Council, Northern Department. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 29, 1857. pp. 177-183.  
Submitting Mr. Lockhart's case for reconsideration.

Copy of a letter from Sir G. Simpson to James Anderson. Dated at Norway House, June 28, 1857. pp. 184-187.

This letter, alluded to in the above, refers to the Minutes of Council in which Mr. Lockhart's claim for extra remuneration was refused.

Copy of a document furnished to B. Bouché by Rev.<sup>d</sup> Monsieur M. Farand and Grandin.

Annuling a marriage between Nancy [Houle] and John G. Brough on the ground that the former did not consent.

Letter from James Anderson to the Governor and Council, Northern Department. Dated at Fort Simpson, Oct. 27, 1857. pp. 189-191.  
Enclosing the above documents, characterising the deposition of witnesses in the above case as utterly false.

Letter from James Anderson to the Right Reverend, the Bishop of St. Boniface. Dated at Fort Simpson, Nov. 29, 1857. pp. 191-194.

Discussing with him the above marriage proceedings, and enclosing evidence of the "witnesses" that they had never claimed to be present.

Comparative List of M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie's River District. Returns for two periods of Seven Years, viz. from 1844 to 1850, and from 1851 to 1857. pp. 195-196.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated at Fort Simpson, Jan. 22, 1858 and marked 'Confidential! pp. 197-217.

Relating to an editorial in the Albion which seems to make insinuations against Anderson's trips. Anderson thinks it unkind that no account of the attacks has been sent to him. Stewart's conduct in Canada and U.S. was most disgraceful. Mr. Bell has furnished with an order for provisions a free man of Athabaska who besides making abusive harangues against the Company carried out silver foxes and Martins to the value of £270. and brought back enough light goods to trade from 500 to 600 martins. This individual, Beaulieu, by name, has done much to corrupt the Indians. Anderson also gives his ideas on the plan to open up the Eskimo trade. He advises an establishment exclusively for the Eskimo. He gives a comparative statement of the return of Foxes in "R" district from 1844 to 1850 and from 1851 to 1856. This improvement has been largely due to traps made by the blacksmith. Anderson considers his services on the Arctic Expedition entitled to both approbation and reward. If Athabaska requires 6 boats, this district requires 18. The conditions and prospects of the district are next discussed. His opposition to missions is stated most strongly.



Letter from James Anderson to H. Maxwell. Dated at Fort Simpson, Feb. 11, 1858. pp. 218-222.

Insisting that there is nothing "farical nor incomprehensible" in sending him out by the Athabaska Brigade. The object is to get him appointed to some other charge.

Letter from James Anderson to H. Maxwell. Dated at Fort Simpson, Mar. 22 1858. pp. 222-223.

Reiterating his order to proceed to Chipewyan.

Letter from Rev<sup>d</sup>. H. Farand to James Anderson. Dated at Mission de la Nativité, Athabaska, Feb. 14, 1858. [in French]. pp. 224-233.

relating to the former's action in annulling the marriage referred to above [Nancy Houle and John Brough] and complaining of the existence of immorality and the theft of wine.

Letter from James Anderson to Rev<sup>d</sup>. H. Farand. Dated at Fort Simpson, Mar. 22, 1858. pp. 233-237.

Replying to the above.

Letter from Rev<sup>d</sup>. V. Grandin to James Anderson. Dated at Mission de l'Isle à la Grosse, Jan. 21, 1858. [in French] pp. 237-243.

Relating to the difficulty of Nancy Houle and John Brough in the marriage.

Letter from James Anderson to Rev<sup>d</sup>. V. Grandin. Dated at Fort Simpson, Mar. 22, 1858. pp. 243-247.

Replying to the above.

Letter from Rev<sup>d</sup>. Henri Grollier to James Anderson. Dated at Athabaska, Feb. 20, 1858 [in French]. pp. 247-251.

In reference to Mr. Ross' refusal to saw planks for the Great Slave Lake Mission.

Letter from James Anderson to Rev<sup>d</sup>. Henri Grollier, Dated at Fort Simpson, Mar. 22, 1858. pp. 252-253.

Replying to the above, Anderson says "I have recommended Mr. Ross to endeavour to get the planks sawed.

Extract of a letter from Sir George Simpson to B.R. Ross. 1857. p. 253' Requesting him to treat the priests with civility, but assuring him that they have no claim on the company.

Report by James Anderson on the McKenzie River District. Dated Fort Simpson, May 19, 1858. pp. 254-281.

The same as Volume 2 pp. 104-132.

Census of the Population of Mackenzie River District. June 1, 1858; pp. 282-283.

The same as volume 2 pp. 139-140.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, La Chine, C.E., Dated at Gowan Brae, Georgina, Lake Simcoe, Nov. 6, 1859. pp. 284-285. Informing him that the sum allowed - £50 - was totally inadequate to cover the expenses of the passage from Red River to Toronto.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated at Gowan Brae, Georgina, Lake Simcoe, C.W. Dec. 1, 1859. pp. 285-288.

Insisting that his conclusions are unfair and that the Company is bound to furnish passages for the families of officers when removed from place to place.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated at Gowan Brae, Georgina, Lake Simcoe, Feb. 15, 1859. pp. 288-290.

Acknowledging the receipt of his father-in-law's will, declaring that Sir George's answer to his last letter was neither satisfactory nor pleasing, and again drawing his attention to the fact that he had received no remuneration from the Company for the Land Arctic Expedition.

Letter from James Anderson to Hector McKenzie, La Chine C.E., Dated at Wigan, July 21, 1859, pp. 291-294.

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Comeau's ideas of business are idiotic. Anderson himself is gradually getting hold of the business. "The Canadian Government don't seem inclined to accept the R.R. They are something like the fellow who won an elephant at a raffle and did not know what the Devil to do with him after he had got him. I protest against the Company paying a penny more rent until the lessees are able to prove their rights".

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. La Chine C.E., Dated at Georgina, April 8, 1859. pp. 294-295.

Wishing that he had told him his destination when at Montreal and asking him to see to his boxes.

Letter from James Anderson to B.R. Ross, W.L. Hardisty and the Officers of Mackenzie River District. Dated at Georgina, May 2, 1859. pp. 295-296.

Thanking them for the presentation of a watch and address.

Letter from James Anderson to His Excellency, Sir E.W. Head, Dated at Wigan. Aug. 28, 1859. pp. 296-297.

Thanking him for his kind note and box of books.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, La Chine, C.E., Dated at Wigan, Aug. 29, 1859. pp. 297-298.

Referring to Comeau's accusations, and Sir George's reference to rumours. He expresses his desire to settle £2500 upon Mrs. Anderson, to revert, after her death, to the children in equal shares.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, La Chine, C.E.,  
 Dated at Mingan, Sept. 14, 1859. pp. 299-300  
 Discussing state of salmon market and price of  
 martins.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. La Chine, C.E.,  
 Dated at Mingan, Oct. 8, 1859, pp. 300-301.  
 All are suffering from influenza. The defamatory  
 rumours are utterly false.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. La Chine, C.E., Dated  
 at Mingan, Oct. 28, 1859. pp. 302-304.

Little hope of the fur hunt turning out well.  
 Comeau's lies are astounding. H. McKenzie should arrange for a 3 years'  
 lease of Mingan and Romaine Rivers.

Letter from James Anderson to Lieut. Col. Bradford, Toronto. Dated at  
 Gowan Brae, Georgina, Dec. 31, 1858. pp. 304-308.

The same as volume 2 pp. 133-137.

Volume 2 - Journals, reports and correspondence 1855-1858

Journal of Chief Factor Anderson of the H.B.Co. of a journey from  
 Fort Simpson, Mackenzie River to the mouth of the Great Fish River,  
 via Great Slave Lake in 1855. p. 1-81.

The manuscript covers the period May 28, 1855 to  
 Sept. 3, 1855 during which James Anderson and his party, acting under  
 instructions from the Hudson's Bay Company to follow up clues obtained  
 by Rae's Expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, travelled from  
 Fort Simpson along the following route, - Big Island Resolution,  
 Slave Lake, Lake Aylmer, Thlewychcho or Backs River, Lake Garry, Lake  
 Macdongall, Backs River, Montreal Island, Point Pechell, Point Ogle,  
 Point Backhouse, and back by Thlewychcho or Backs River, Lake Garry,  
 Lake Pelly, Thlewychcho or Backs River, Lace Beechy, Lake Aylmer,  
 Clinton Golden Lake, Artillery Lake, Slave Lake, Resolution, and  
 Mackenzie River down to Fort Simpson.

The journal deals with the weather, the ice,  
 the foliage; gives the list of the crew; passes comments on the  
 correctness of Backs' observations; and describes the hunt for the  
 party.

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Contains a photostat copy of M.321-328 of the Journal of the Royal  
 Geographical Society, 1857. which is an edited copy of the above Journal  
 from July 30 to Aug. 22, 1855.)



Letter from James Anderson to Mr. James Green Stewart of Fort Resolution. Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 1855. pp. 82-85. [See also volume 1, file 3, pp. 230-233]

On receipt of instructions from Sir Geo. Simpson, James Anderson, writes to Mr. Stewart giving him directions to make everything ready at Fort Resolution for the expedition.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, La Chine, C.E. Dated Fort Resolution, June 22, 1855. together with note, pp. 86-89. [See also volume 3, file 3, pp. 233-236].

Reporting readiness of expedition but regretting absence of Eskimo interpreters. The note expresses dissatisfaction with the guide hired by Mr. Stewart.

Letter from James Anderson to John Swanston. Dated Fort Resolution, Sept. 22, 1855. p. 90. [See also Vol. 1, file 4, pp. 68-69].

Giving directions for payment of men and for sending three Iroquois to Montreal with despatches.

Letter from James Anderson to Governor and Council of the Northern Department. Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 26, 1856. pp. 91-94. [See also volume 1, file 4, pp. 62-66]

Calling attention to the misconduct of Chief Trader James Green Stewart when conveying the despatches of the Land Arctic Searching Expedition.

Letter from James Anderson to J.G. Stewart. Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 24, 1856. pp. 95-96. [See also volume 1, file 4, pp. 60-62]

Expressing dissatisfaction for retarding the despatches and over paying a servant.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Feb. 16, 1856. pp. 97-103. [See also volume 1, file 4, pp. 42-48]

Forwarding Mr. McFarlane's report on the Inconnue River. reiterating the demand for Eskimo interpreter, together with the text of the report itself, and extracts from Sir John Richardson's "Journal of a Boat Voyage 1848", regarding the Inconnue River.

Report by James Anderson on the Mackenzie River District. Dated Fort Simpson, May 19, 1858, pp. 104-132. [See also vol. 1, file 5, pp. 254-281]. An exceedingly interesting and valuable report

covering the whole region especially during the years 1851-1857. Short sketches are given of the following Forts, - Resolution, Rae, Big Island, Simpson, Norman, Good Hope, Peel's River, La Pierre's House, The Yukon, Aux Liard, Halkett.

Letter of James Anderson to Lieut. Col. Bradford, Toronto. Dated Gowan Brae, Georgina, Dec. 21, 1858. pp. 133-137 [See also vol. 1, file 5 pp. 304-308].

Giving from memory a list of the Indian Tribes east of the Rocky Mountains and of the Trading Posts they resort to.



Census of the Population of Mackenzie's River District, June 1, 1858, pp. 139-140. [See also vol. 1, file 5, pp. 282-283]

A very valuable census showing the total of Indians, officers and servants as 4817.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Feb. 22, 1856. [See also vol. 1, file 4, pp. 51-56] pp. 141-143.

Replying to attacks made on the wages of the servants, etc., together with refutation of tariff published in Chambers' Tract.

Volume 3 - Correspondence and miscellaneous papers [1832], 1849-1863.

Commission of James Anderson as Chief Factor of the Hudsons' Bay Company. Dated London, Mar. 12, 1855. pp. 1-2.

Letter of Sir John Richardson to James Anderson. Dated Haslan Hospital, Gosford, Nov. 1853, pp. 3-5.

Thanking him for specimens of a fossil elephant etc., and giving news of Arctic Expedition.

Instructions sent by Sir George Simpson to Messrs. James Anderson and James Green Stewart, Northern Department, Ruperts' Land. Dated Lachine, Nov. 18, 1854. pp. 6-17.

Giving directions in accordance with the commission entrusted to the Hudsons' Bay Co. by H.M.'s Government to follow up the clues given by the Eskimo to Dr. Rae in regard to the mystery of the fate of Sir John Franklin's expedition.

Letter from Lady Franklin to James Anderson. Dated Dec. 15, 1854. pp. 18-21. [The conclusion of the letter and signature of Lady Franklin are now missing].

Expressing her earnest wishes for the success of the expedition, and some observations on her expectations of results to be achieved. She requests that any personal papers found be returned to her in strict privacy.

Letter from Sophia <sup>W</sup>Grucroft, niece of Lady Franklin, to James Anderson. Dated London, December 15, 1854. Marked 'Private'. pp. 22-27

Setting forth the "the conclusions and anticipations of our chief Arctic authorities, Sir John Richardson, Sir Edward Parry, Sir James Ross, Col. Sabine and others," and asking Mr. Anderson to Safeguard the "inviolability of these precious private documents".

Letter from John Philip Gell, son-in-law to Sir John Franklin to James Anderson. Dated St. Johns Lodge, Notting Hill. W., 12 Sept. 1862. p. 28.

Giving Lady Franklin's address to James Anderson when in London.

Letter of Sir John Richardson to James Anderson. Dated Lancaster, Grassmere, Westmoreland, Oct. 10, 1855. pp. 29-32.

Thanking Mr. Anderson for offering to promote his views with regard to the elucidation of the fossil remains of Arctic America, expressing hope for the success of his mission, and commenting on the injustice done to Rae by the Admiralty.

The same, dated April 6, 1857. pp. 33-37.

Reporting criticism of Anderson's trip, and stating that he had sent portions of his journals to the Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society. The expectation of exploring the Beghula and opening up an intercourse with the Eskimo in that direction is favourable commented upon. The postscript suggests that Mr. Anderson identify the lakes he crossed by their proper Indian names to assist in the elucidation of Samuel Hearne's journey.

The same, dated Dec. 28, 1858. pp. 38-39.

Thanking him for the Indian names of the Northern Lakes and regretting the introduction of alcohol into the Saskatchewan. "As to the railroad, that I suppose is a thing for future generations, though there is no telling the absurdities into which English capitalists may be led!"

Letter from Wm. Lucas Hardisty to James Anderson. Dated Yukon, Nov. 10, 1857. pp. 40-41.

Enclosing a gift of a pencil case with an expression of esteem.

Letter from Sir George Simpson to James Anderson. Dated Iachine, Nov. 18, 1854. pp. 42-44.

A Private letter accompanying and commenting on his official instructions for the overland expedition. Anderson's promotion to be Chief Factor is foreshadowed.

The same, dated Dec. 4, 1854 and marked "private". pp. 45-47.

Discussing Anderson's complaint that juniors have been promoted over his head, and that one to many officers has been sent to his district

The same, dated Norway House, June 14, 1855, and marked "private". pp. 48-50.

Referring to Mr. Anderson's private investments, and giving news of his father-in-law and cousin.

The same but not marked "private". pp. 51-53.

Congratulating Mr. Anderson in his advancement in the Service, and inclosing his Commission as Chief Factor. Reference is also made to the transfer of Government supplies to the company at rates to be decided upon by Anderson.

Circular Letter of Sir Edmund Head to James Anderson. Dated Hudson's Bay House, London, July 22, 1863. pp. 54-55.

Announcing the Company's intention to carry on the fur trade as hitherto under the provisions of the Deed Poll in spite of the change in the proprietor and Governing Body of the Company.

List of Sundries found at Montreal Island and at the mouth of Black's River (p. 56)

The Secretary of the Hudson's Bay Co. to James Anderson. Dated London, May 23, 1856. p. 57.

Informing him that the Admiralty has awarded him £400 in acknowledgement of his services in the expedition, and expressing to him the appreciation of the Governor and Committee for the energy and judgment evinced by himself and Chief Trader Stewart.

A letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Lake Nipigon, Sept. 16, 1849. pp. 58-61. Marked 'Private'. Concerning the Hannah Bay Massacre.

James Anderson's Report to Sir George Simpson on the Hannah Bay Massacre. Dated Lake Nipigon, Sept. 16, 1849. pp. 62-69.

Journal of an expedition to punish the murderers of Mr. and Mrs. Corrigan and eight other individuals. [Victims of the Hannah Bay Massacre]. By James Anderson. Apr. 3, 1832 - Apr. 9, 1832. pp. 70-76.

Memorandum of Anderson's Journal in British Columbia, in 1846 etc. pp. 77-85.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated en route Great Slave Lake Sept. 14. 1855. pp. 86-93. [see also vol. 1 file 4 pp. 1-8]

Thanking him for congratulations on his recent promotion, and reporting on his overland trip.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 29, 1855. pp. 94-97. [see also vol. 1 file 4 pp. 8-18]

Reporting on the condition of affairs at Fort Simpson on his return from his overland trip.

Letter from James Anderson to Lady Franklin. Dated en route from Fort Simpson to Fort Resolution, Detained by ice June 7, 1855. pp. 98-101. [see also vol, 1 file 4 pp. 18-23]

Assuring her that letters of a private nature will be held inviolably sacred; informing her that the prospects are not favourable for the trip, and that it will be impossible to winter on the coast, and suggesting that a small vessel with about 20 men should be sent to Prince Regent's Inlet, and should make the Fury's stores their starting point for an ice journey



Letter from James Anderson to Lady Franklin, Dated Fort Resolution, Sept. 17, 1855. pp. 102-109. [see also vol. 1 file 4, pp. 24-39].  
 Reporting privately to Lady Franklin in the character and issue of the overland trip. The whole constitutes an exceedingly interesting recital.

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville, Dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 29, 1855. pp. 110-116. [see also vol. 1 file 4, pp. 24-39].

Reporting on his trip and the condition of affairs at Fort Simpson on his return, and commenting on the policy of assigning inferior positions to young gentlemen born in the country. Suggestions are made for the redivision of the country into districts and for the promotion of Messrs. W. Hardisty and B. R. Ross.

Letter of James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated March 25, 1855. pp. 117-122. [see also vol. 1 file 3 pp. 194-200].

Reporting on the prosperous condition of the trade in that district. It is even better than that of 1846. Reference is made to the state of trade at the Yukon, Peel's River, Fort Good Hope, Fort Norman, Another portion of a letter date, Mar. 31, reports the receipt of his appointment for the overland trip, and the plans he has in view.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, Dated at Fort Simpson, May 6, 1855, pp. 123-136. [see also volume 1 file 3 pp. 201-216].

Announcing everything is ready for a start, and stating Anderson's present opinions and plans regarding the Expedition, and arrangements to be made during his absence. The letter has been added to at subsequent dates along the route.

James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated Fort Simpson May 1, 1855 (very much to the same effect as above). p. 137. [see also vol. 1 file 3 pp. 216-227].

Letter of James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 30, 1855. pp. 137-139. [see also volume 1 file 3 pp. 228-230].

Acknowledging receipt of appointment of Anderson and Stewart to first and second command of the overland expedition.

Account of the Hannah Bay Massacre, 1832, by J. Anderson, with two letters of 16 Sept. 1849 to Sir George Simpson, pp. 1-22 [duplicate Manuscript of items pp. 58-76 above].

Volume 4 - Journals and Correspondence 1850-1855

Letter of James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, Dated Boat, Athabaska River, July 12, 1853. pp. 1-10. [see also vol. 1 file 2 pp. 110-119].



Reporting improvement in the returns of the District, the death of Mr. A. R. Peers at Pell River, the illness of Messrs. Hardisty and Gaudette and others, the Outfits for 1853 and 1854, the question of the establishment of a mission at Great Slave Lake by Père H. Farand.

Letter of James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, Dated Fort Simpson, Nov. 27, 1854. Marked 'Private and confidential'. pp. 11-34. [see also vol. 1 file 3. pp. 161-187].

<sup>ii</sup>Frances Lake cannot make returns except by withdrawing furs from Halkett and Norman. Consequently we can have no inducement to reestablish this post and to incur an enormous expense, not to speak of the risk of life and the hardships which are unavoidable" There is a severe criticism of Mr. Campbell as an officer. The whole constitutes a very frank discussion of men and conditions in the district, the missionaries in particular.

Letter of James Anderson to Eden Colville. Dated Fort Simpson, May, 1, 1855. pp. 35-45.

Explaining his plans for overland trip, with note added on June 15 when detained by ice 15 miles from Big Island.

Notes regarding Navigation of the West Branch. By James Anderson. pp. 46-50. [see also vol. 1 file 3 pp. 377].

Furnishing important geographical data and historical information relative to streams and forts.

Letter from James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, Dated Fort Simpson, Mar. 10, 1853. pp. 51-73. [see also vol. 1 file 2, pp. 59-86]

An exceedingly valuable report on the affairs of the district. The returns of Pell's River have diminished in consequence of the establishment of Fort Yukon. Fort Selkirk should be abandoned. Fort Rae has answered expectations. The character of the following officers are given, - Messrs. J. G. Stewart, W. I. Hardisty, Peers, McBeath, Nichol Taylor, J. Pruden, Lane, B. K. Ross, Alex McKenzie, Robert Miles, and John Reid. A plan of the new Fort accompanies the letter (p. 66).

Letter from James Anderson to Eden Colville, Red River. Dated Athabaska River. En route, July 10, 1852. pp. 74-82. [see also vol. 1 file 2 pp. 2-14].

Enclosing a comparative statement of the returns of the Outfits of 1850 and 1851, recommending the abandonment of Forts Selkirk and Yukon, and reporting on men and conditions of trade in the district. A postscript frankly discusses recent promotions.

Journal of a Trip from Fort William to Lac la Pluie and to Athabaska. By James Anderson, pp. 83-116.

Covering a canoe trip occupying the period 5 June, to 22 Sept., 1850.

Journal of a Voyage from Fort Simpson to Good Hope and Return. By James Anderson. pp. 117-119.

Covering the period 21 May to June, 1852.

Journal of a Trip from Fort Simpson to Portage La Loche and Return. By James Anderson. pp. 120-130.

Covering the period from 19 June, 1852 to 12 Aug., 1852.

Journal of a Trip from Fort Simpson to Portage La Loche and Return. By James Anderson. pp. 131-139.

Covering the period from 19 June to 16 Aug. 1853.

Volume 5 - Journals 1854, 1856

Journal of a Trip from Fort Simpson to Fort Good Hope and Return. By James Anderson.

Covering the period 22 May to 12 June, 1854.

pp. 1-8.

Journal of a Trip from Fort Simpson to Portage La Loche and Return. By James Anderson. Covering the period 22 June to 13 Aug. 1854.

pp. 9-18.

Journal of a trip from Fort Simpson to Liard and Return, covering the period 22 May 1856 - 30 May 1856. By James Anderson, pp. 19-22.

Journal of a Trip from Fort Simpson to Portage La Loche, covering the period 19 June 1856 to 1 Aug. 1856. By James Anderson. pp. 23-28.

Volume 6 - Journals 1856-1858

Journal of a Voyage from Fort Simpson to Portage La Loche and Return, covering the period, 19 June - 11 Aug. 1856. By James Anderson pp. 1-9, no. A.

Journal of a Voyage from Fort Simpson to Portage La Loche and Return, covering the period, 19 June - 17 Aug. 1857. pp. 10-23, No. A.

Report to James Anderson of a Canoe Expedition made by R. McFarlane down the Beghula or Anderson's River, covering the period 4 June - 14 July, 1857. pp. 1-43, No. B.

This expedition, which was a partial failure, proceeded to within a few miles of Liverpool Bay. At this point the conduct of a large party of Western or McKenzie River Eskimo became so troublesome and so large a portion of the party deserted that it was necessary to abandon the canoes and all cumbersome articles and beat

a retreat. This journal contains an excellent description of the Eskimo he encountered. Several reasons are adduced for believing that trade in this northern district will ultimately become of much importance. The whole constitutes an interesting narrative.

Journal of a Voyage from Fort Simpson to Good Hope and Return, covering the period 27 May - 10 June 1858. By James Anderson. pp. 24-27. No. C.

Journal of a Trip from Fort Simpson via Portage La Loche, and Norway House to Red River, covering the period 22 June - 12 Sept. 1858. By James Anderson. pp. 28-40. No. G.

A photographic copy of pp. 321-328 of Journal of Royal Geographical Society, 1857 which is an edited copy of Anderson's overland journey covering, however, only the period, July 30 - Aug. 22, 1855. The complete journal is in Volume 2.

Public letter of James Anderson to Sir George Simpson. Dated at Fort Resolution, Sept. 17, 1855, - a photographic copy of pp. 18-25 of Journal of Royal Geographical Society of 1856.

Additional Anderson Papers - Not copied in 1907 but known to exist then.

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Lake Simcoe, C.W.  
April 8, 1860

J. Anderson to the Governors and Deputy Governor's and committee of the Hudson Bay Company, concerning the resignation of his commission as a chief factor of the Hudsons Bay Company from the close of Outfit 1863, on the terms of retirement allowed by the 23<sup>d</sup> Art. of the Deed Poll, to wit, 2/85th shares for Outfit 1864 and 1/85 share for Outfits 1865-6-7-8-9-70.

Hudsons Bay House  
London, May 9/63

Thomas Fraser, Secy., to James Anderson accepting the resignation of his commission in the Company, his retired interest to commence from the close of Outfit, 1863.

Hudson Bay House  
London, July 23/63

Thomas Fraser, Secy. to James Anderson, Retired Chief Factor, transmitting copy of a circular which the Governor had addressed to the Chief Factors and Chief Traders in the Company's service with respect to the change which had recently taken place in the proprietary and governing body of the company.

No date

"Sir Allan MacNab presents his compliments to Mr. Anderson, regrets exceedingly that he has been unable to make his acquaintance. He begs in the name of himself and party to thank him for all his kindness to the unfortunate 'North Britons'. Sir Allan has heard nothing but Mr. Anderson's kindness and 'good cheer' and hopes to make his acquaintance under more favourable circumstances."



Maps used by the late James Anderson Esq., Chief Factor H.B.Co. on the expedition in search of Sir John Franklin in 1853.

"Track Survey of the Pic River" by Mr. Philip E. Collins, Md. Sn and Assistant Surveyor, under the direction of Lieut. H. W. Byfield.

Map of Lake Superior and territory north and west to Hudsons' Bay.

Sketch of route taken by the Land Arctic Searching Expedition from the Mountain, Great Slave Lake to Sand Hill Bay, Lake Aylermer, of Sir George Back.

Sketch of route taken of the late James Anderson Esq. on his expedition in search of Sir John Franklin in 1853.

Map of scene of Corrigal murder at Hannah Bay.

Appendix

Vol. IV contains 2 pages of papers relative to documents and maps not found in the Archives, these contain, -

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1. Anderson's resignation as a Chief Factor from the close of outfit 1863 on the terms of retirement allowed by the 23rd. Art. of the Deed Poll, to wit, 2/85<sup>th</sup> shares for Outfit 1864, 1/84<sup>th</sup> share for Outfits 1865-6-7-8-9-70. Dated Apr. 8, 1863.
2. Letter from Thomas Fraser Secy. to the H.B.Co. accepting the resignation.
3. Letter from Thomas Fraser transmitting circular letter on changes in proprietary and governing bodies of Company.
4. Letter from Sir Allan MacNab. Thanking him for kindness to the North Britons

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