

From Mr. Tomison to J.C.
Gordon House 6th August, 1797

Dear Sirs

I cannot pass this opportunity without giving you my repeated wishes of enjoying a pleasant & happy winter. Sir I am sorry to inform you, that many packages rests here that the Canoes brought from the Factory & left here¹ by Mr. Sutherland Fidler & Ross. as also all the Steel & Iron Bars, Hatchets &c &c. Strick orders for all to be brought up in the fall by Mr. Oman, this order you know I never can comply with for I believe you never heard that Tomison ever took a piece of Goods from the Factory & left it by the way, or got an other man to carry it for him, neither did he lead his Canoe with necessaries for himself; & left the Companys Goods behind. All the Twine for Cumberland House I have taken which was in No. 6 x 5 also the most part of which you sent for Mr. Bird; as to say any thing Else we cannot Take the Parcel J.C. which was

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left also. I find there is two pieces of Goods left on account of Carrying Thomson's things up which I think in the first place be a very Great imposition on you much more so on the Honble Company for it. my opinion, that Man that would have been a barrier for so Base a man as Thomson ought to have both his Ears cut off, which I should not have scrupled at had he been my Brother: I am sorry that matters has gone to a great length this year which I must confess will not be allowed another year let the Consequences be what it may. You will please not to have any Bundles Packed for next year with one single Article of any sort whatever, not less than Six or more than twelve, knives, Handkerchiefs, files, & Bayonets Excepted which may be more; So I conclude with wishing the compliments of the season to attend you & all under your Command & Remain Dear Sir

Your most Obed^t humble Serv^t
W^m Tomison

P.S. My most respectful Compt to the Gentlemen of your Mess -

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¹ Marginal note: "The articles here mentioned were sent up by Boats A Steersman & Bowsman was taken Ill at Gordon House obliged many Bundles to be there. - The men are now at this place unable to perform duty. Wm. Budge W__? Strickley?