

and I have requested them to allow you to take charge of the requisite stores to Chepewgon, and I apprehend it is in compliance with my request that you are to be sent to Canada for that purpose. Should Mr. Dease not choose to go to Bear Lake, I shall certainly have great pleasure in asking the Committee to send you. Your taking charge of the stores to Chepewgon will render a great service to the expedition, which, be assured I shall not fail to point out in the strongest light to the committee. We will talk however more on this and other subjects connected with our proceedings when we meet, which I hope will be the first week in March. If you pass through Edinburgh on your way to London, do not fail to call on Dr. Richardson, who lives at No. 111 Lauriston Place; he will I am sure be most happy to see you—so also will our worthy friend Hepburn, who has got a very good appointment at Leith. I think George Sutherland would be the man to supply Hepburn's place, if he would venture again into that country, I would gladly give him good wages. He has removed from Caithnessshire and has commenced a merchant's shop, which does not appear to answer according to the account he wrote to Hepburn.

The information you give me about Helen and her mother is very satisfactory. I sincerely hope they will do well in Canada. Their residing there is decidedly preferable to living either in Scotland or England, where the greatest experience in the economical arrangement of a house is absolutely necessary. Of this particular qualification, the women brought up in that country are entirely ignorant, and therefore would be little calculated to live here on a slender income.

I fear your illness has deprived you of many days sport among the black cock and red deer—a loss that you would feel very much I am sure, being so fond of sporting, you