

or are they gone out from our mouths?
I should not be surprised if the Fort Kent
Office was attacked within District if such
should be the fact I should have known
the appointments than. Am I that better
place who would you advise me to ap-
point? I want a good man who would
do his duty impartially.

I can't find what you have said from
Petter anything for the last few. If you need
something I shall not hold you to the letter
of my duty being appropriated to an old
affair.

You recollect sometime ago I wrote you
about your affairs with Petter & advised
that you buy them up at a proper time. As
I do. When I say now if I am not disappointed
I shall have some influence in the subordinate
places that is as to who shall fill them.
What I have said about the Fort Kent office
keep strictly by yourself
Don't pay that debt to Blake

I have now other sent you papers
which I hope you have recd.
The Army movements look well. The
man has come out in his expedition all
right. The Civil has our own long,
I see you have lost by death your neighbor
Mr. Morris.

I also see that "Uncle Billy" Johnson
has died. Death is still doing its work
among our friends.

Petter does not feel quite right he
can Mr. Foster has been detained by me
But he is all wrong. You know he goes
ahead right or wrong.

Congress has declared a grain nation to
end the Reciprocity Treaty. This looks
well with our people.

Canada judges seem to be making a
step by their recent decisions.

Very yours
W. D. Long

Dec 27, 1864

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Mr. Richards

Dear Sir,

I am informed that the Frenchmen are employed in bringing goods from the Province into the State. Do you know of any cases of that kind?

The Department urges upon me the utmost vigilance to prevent smuggling of every kind & they think much is done on the frontier line which is in my jurisdiction. I of course have lately upon my assistants order that no illegal traffic is permitted, do you think there is any goods but into the district between your office & Fortes in the way I have mentioned? Is there any of this kind of business done in Frenches at Little or Grand Falls?

I am kept all the time in hot water by being reminded that cases of this kind exist. I have seen no goods entered by Frenchmen at Hammond this Fall, don't they do any business?

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