

Whale East Reservation Dec 6th 1875

Rev Saml Hollingsworth?

Dear Brother,

Your last letter con-
firmed my fears. The letter said
I believed the second boy after we
received the box - acknowledging
of its safe arrival - I live a
bout a mile from our P. Office
generally my mail comes in late
in the night and at the time I
sent the letter, I was in ^{hurry} and
in by a little boy and before
he reached the office I had sent
the letter lost. I am truly sorry
my dear brother that the letter ^{did not} reach
you in time for I was careful to send
all the letters sent to me by our Eastern
friends & benefactors. These goods
come in the right time when they

much needed. We have ^{not} appropriated
a single thing or article for our own
men. But have given it all away
to the most destitute persons
that is pressing upon us ^{daily}. We have
had a party of wild Indians just come
from the Pembina Dakota Territory
among these forty came ten of our
own Christian Indians & Baptized
five years ago. And to these our
really object of pity, and most of the
clothing you sent to us were carefully
distributed ^{to them}. - When some of these wild
men came from. They say that the ^{whites}
are surrounding & pressing them heavily. &
that the parties of all kind were driven
away from them. & the head chief said
that this is blue a fact which I have seen
by different individuals. The consequence
of this the scarcity of game that they
used to subsist with. fifty wigwags
or fifty families have actually died
with starvation during last winter
and how many more families this winter
God knows, but it is most horrible to think
of.

In my own day - I well recollect when
the wild Buffaloes used to cover these
beautiful prairies our Beads & Elk
covered the land. - Bows & arrows were
used to kill these wild animals & it was
no difficulty to kill them & to dry where
are our Buffaloes - gone gone to Seven
thousands of miles away from us
why? because the pale faces have
come & drove them all away from us

only a short distance from us
they were. Two winters frozen to death
last winter for want of clothing -
before I went to East last winter
I have given all the clothing away
that I could pick round my warehouse
I have given 3 pr of my old goat skin
of mine our two coats & my wife 3 of
her own dresses - and here are 14
could
men sitting around me asking
for food & clothing - & here I have
my Christian Indians to come
in with their old clothes - my father
have come with their old clothes & some
provisions to give these people.

Destitute wild and ones

When I think of the destitution among
my own country men - it smokes ^{me} & shudders
& almost oppresses to see them. May the
beloved brethren we thank you your gift
of clothing we appreciate them most truly.
God bless those dear ladies who have're.
- member us at this our times of great need.

I am very dear many, y. very
many. are suffering this winter for want of
food & clothing - Here is a Christian
Chap from a great distance who is
about to return home soon - He had
on only a cotton shirt I pity him
greatly I gave him my only over coat
& my park under shirt & other things
I know he was to travel one hundred
seventy five miles to make 10 camps
our snow is about a foot deep &
this country about 2 feet of snow
I wish I had 25 or 40 boxes of clothing
to give it away I should be much
Again dear ladies - we thank you
by & by I will write more when you ^{all}
my work &c. God bless you all with
prayers of your unworthy brother. Your
money order of St Paul was also
received many thanks very truly yours
Rev. Amos Hollingsworth, N. Dunn, & Co.



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