Victoria 8th Nov 1863

Royal Fisk Esqr

Dear Sir

Yours of 26th ult. has been received & contents noted

Clan Ford enclosed cheque Mr Donald for $1000.00 which credit our A/c.

The Steamer having arrived on Sunday we have been unable to have the Grd Barley examined by Mr R Pickett, our Porter having the Key of the Warehouse where it is stored. We however think it unnecessary, after the declaration of your trustworthy merchants with all of whom you are acquainted, & who did not charge the document except after a thorough examination. Had it been damaged on board we would have claimed damages from the Vessel, but finding every sack dry we could not in justice make the loss fall on the Vessel. In all cases all just demands have been paid by the agents here. Evidently the Barley was damaged before grinding, for it could not otherwise heat & sour in three weeks. Before stating what we claim, it will be better to wait until we hear what Messrs Raymond will allow. We cannot but believe that they were aware the article was not sound, for the colour of the Husk proves the Barley to have been damaged.

We have not been in the habit of making unjust reclamations, when we want an article we order it & expect to have it good & when it is rather inferior but sound we seldom complain, you have not forgotten the Beans? that is a case in point. we never would have got our claim settled had they not been sent below.

The large sacks of Barley by the Sarita are very poor being half oats & chaff & the Hay very indifferent for the price it cost.

We want more Bran & Hay but if possible would not like to pay such a high price for Hay however we must have it; do your best & above all things let it be good & clean of weeds, we have now an extra store loaned which will enable us to keep more on hand. When you find a chance of buying a good lot cheap send it by all means & in the meantime take the available room on each boat

Please forward per Steamer 1 case of fresh Butter & 20 cans of Onions (but) tell them to nail the Boxes well.

Also per sailing vessel 50 Bbls Pacific & 1000 lbs Rye flour & 500 Pearl Barley & 2 Cases Yeast Powders. The Seed Beans we ordered are white with a pink eye, enclosed is a section of one Bean as a sample, but if you cannot get them cheap only get 2 or 300 lbs. If you can get Early white peas for seed at not more than 5¢ per lb please get 400 lbs.

Also 25 Bbls best Cement for builders use

Yours truly

Lemon & Co