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Gentlemen

George Town 17th Septem.r 17

I received your favour of the 8th Inst.t and duely observe the Contents, wherein you Request to know the steps I have taken to fulfill my Engagment with the Publick, what I have made and what Reasons the steps I have taken as follows Viz.- I have at a very Considerable expence fitted a house that will contain fifteen Looms and all other Utensils for Carrying on the weaving business, I shall by the last of next week have up eight looms, and as soon as I can procure with the remainder, I have purchased and engaged Twenty men taken apprentices &c; I have erected a Mill for Bleaching & twisting flax the best on the Continent, I have purchased a large quentity of flax, and Employed Spinners, and expect in a short time to have it in my power to finish 100 yards of linen p.r day which the Convention are pleased to have provided they will Give me as much as I can sell the linen for, by receiving letters from the Consul of Trade that there was much wanting Coarse linens for tenting & sheeting I made 299 yards to a single piece the week before last, and by the information the Committee put on it I lost from 6 to 10 pounds & could have sold it for here, notwithstanding they Complain they had not received as Good linen from any other Factory this is publick punishment in place of Publick Encouragement with regard to the progress I have made in bleaching & whitening as any Imported & provided I met with Encouragement it is well known to the most of the Gentlemen in this place the proves and some of the members in Convention how much Brought Manufactoring of Linen to Perfection there has ever before been done in the Province and it will be long before it is as good for the purpose of

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I am With the Greatest Respect

Gentlemen

your Very Humble Ser.t

Alex.r McTavish

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