have been calculated by invidious minds for its destruction - the injury done to it by their former agent extended no farther than to their wish, that injury I hope by prudent management soon to repair, & to place it in its former state of respect - my attention to the advancement of the interest of all those who may continue their friendship may be relied on. There never was a time when the House was better entitled to confidence than at this moment.

Permit me to entreat a continuance of your countenance & support. I am Sir

Yr most Hble St

for Forrest & Stoddart

William Murdoch

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