

Endorsed: Report to the Commissioners of the bad repairs in the Main Street Aug^t 9th 1791

INFORMATION AGAINST DESERTERS FROM NAVAL SERVICE

Hesse } The Information of John Miller of Detroit
to wit } Mariner, Boatswain of his Majestys armed
Snow Chipaway taken upon Oath before me
John Askin Esq^r one of his Majestys Justices of the
Peace for the said District the twelfth day of August in the
Thirty first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George
the Third the now King. That this Informant on friday the
twenty ninth day of July last, being Boatswain of his
Majesty armed Snow the Chipaway, then riding at anchor
in the Road of Fort Erie in the District of Nassau a Port of
Entry and Discharge; and the Ships Company being
divided into four watches; John Chace Gunner of the said
Snow had charge of the first watch from 9 oClock, to
eleven at night; that the Informant being upon deck, and
looking out upon the forecastle, saw some of the men belong-
ing to John Chases watch, who were stationed forward, go
aft in order to look at the glass, that he heard the said John
Chace repeatedly tell them to stay forward, and look out
for the Dunmore, expected into the Road from Detroit;
that the Informant, who was to take charge of the second
watch, finding the time long, sent one of the watch aft to
look, how the glass went, who returned immediately and
reported that John Chace was not upon deck, whereupon
the Informant going aft to the quarter Deck found a Cutlass,
and looking over the Ships stern, discovered the Boat was
Cut away and missing. That upon this discovery, the
Informant went below, and alarmed the Mate W^m Flemming,⁴⁸
who came upon deck, and immediately after mustered the
Crew, when John Chace Gunner aforesaid, John M^cEvoy,
Michael Morisey Mariners, and two privates of his Majestys

⁴⁸ William Fleming was for some years a seaman on the upper lakes. Documents among the Askin Papers disclose that in 1795 he was captain of a vessel. His name is included in the list of those Detroit residents who, in 1796, formally signified their intention to remain British subjects.