

I am favord with yours of the 20th May Mr McGill has been so employd in forwarding Goods &^{ca} that hitherto he has communicated Little to me on Business. I am extremely sorry to hear your Indian Trade has been generally bad and that you are among the unsuccesfull. I agree with you that pushing that trade answers no good purpose. I have strongly recommended to the House to curtale & Lessen our connections in that Trade, for when I consider the un-[c]ertainty of our retaining the Posts the Warr between the Indians & Americans, and the evident fall on furr I am convinced it is an unsafe & unprofitable business, and will continue so for two or 3 years I am certain there will be a fall on Furrs at this Market this year of 15 to 20 p^rC^t and every apperance they will continue falling for 2 or 3 Years which has ever been the case, therefore untill matters comes back to the old standard those who do Least will do best. I am certain there is this year double the quantity of Goods intended for that trade that it can pay for, I trust your New Govern^t may open some advantagious Trade that may answer your purpose better. I am happy in hearing you and family enjoy good health Long may it continue, I enclose a Letter for Miss Therese to which I reffer you for family news Robertson is now here he talks of paying you a Visit in the Spring, which I have my doubts of unless his business at Detroit goes wrong. he is Surprised at not hearing from any of his friends this Spring. Please remember me kindly to the Commod^r as I suppose the Naval business will be immediatly under Gov^r Simcoe it will make it more pleasant and easey for him and put more in his power to serve his friends. I hope to hear often from You, and with Kind Respects to M^{rs} Askin & family beli[e]ve me ever yours Sincerely

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