

at Paris or in the provinces: much altercation indeed took place in the convention, but neither signs of fear nor submission. Gen^l Dampie[r]re was appointed to command & has been very successful in collecting their army together in the neighbourhood of Valenciennes; recruits & reinforcements are moving from all quarters to join him. the Convention have ordered their army to be raised to the number of one *million* of *effective* men. the insurrections have been quelled, with great slaughter of the insurgents in the field, & much bloodshed on the scaffold. They have taken a great many Dutch & English ships in the Mediterranean, but we here of no marine operations as yet of importance. I am sorry to say that by last accounts, of very recent dates, Furs are a mere drug at China, & report [?] actually coming home again; that here the furs that were sold at last sales, altho' then at a great loss, would not now bring within twenty percent of the price, & the purchasers will lose by them. As to next year I should not be surprised if Racoons were at $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{6}$ here!

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Endorsed: London April 10^h 1793 M^r W^m Robertson to Jn^o Askin Answ^d y^e 28^h Sep^{tr} 1793

OUTLOOK FOR INDIAN TRADE

London 23^d April 1793

Dear Askin I wrote you Last fall acknowledging receipt of your favor of the 9th Octb^r it gives me sincere pleasure at all times to hear of you and family enjoying Good health, and particularly the reestablishment of Miss Askins, I hear Madeline has changed her Name and taken that of a good young Man as you will receive Letters from friend Robertson, Capⁿ Mercer & M^r & M^{rs} Meredith [I] will reffer you to them for News &^{ca} as I am at this time much hurried I am sorry to acquaint you there will be a Loss on your furs and, your Sons, and that the prospect for Next