

year is so bad thers, no saying what price they May bring
 perticularly Racoons upwards of 40 000 bo^t here are sent
 to N York & Philadelphia, I wish you to avoid them as
 much as posible, this change in the furr Market will occasion
 a certain Loss this Year and can only be remedied in future
 by a different mode of trade, and not giving half the value
 you now give for Furrs, and of course not have occasion
 for half the Indian Goods, knowing this and that many more
 Goods was ordered then was necessary, I thought it for your
 Sons Interest and all concerned Not to have his order for
 Indian Goods executed as you, and the House at Montreal
 will have more then there will be wanted and he can be
 supplyd from you on as good terms, You will have hear,d
 from the House that I had & have the promise that You
 and M^r Robertson shall supply all the flower wanted by
 Govern^t at your place, and I hope you will be carefull to
 execute it so as to give sattisfaction to all concerned both as
 to price & quality, this with what we can procure you from
 the NWest and, other friends, will I hope be a more profit-
 able and safe business then the Indian Trade, for be assured
 that if furrs continue to fall as is expected there is not a
 Shilling that has been gained for some Years past that will
 not be Lost in Less time, by those who persue the Trade,
 unless there is a change in the mode of Trade and expense
 that I scarsely think will happen as M^r M^cGill and the
 House will give you the Necessary information on Matters
 of business [I] shall reffer you to them. with Complemt^s
 to the Commod^r & family and best respects to M^{rs} Askin &
 yours belive me Sincerly your friend

Isaac Todd

M^r John Askin

I find I every day grow older tho I enjoy as good health
 as I have reason to expect.

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Endorsed: London April 22^d 1793 Isaac Todd Esq^r
 to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 22^d Oct^r Answ^d y^e 3^d April 1794