

Mr Rob^t Stevens foot of y^e rapids

P. S. I intend shortly to send out a Baker & Flour if nothing else which may be the case until I hear of Lafonds Peltries coming in & then he shall have his Assortment

Since writing the foregoing Mr Smith is Arrived who tells me them Ten head of Cattle which I sent out were estimated at 750^{lb} each which is no more than 600 the four Quarters for you know the Hyde Tallow Entrails &c are considered as a fifth quarter therefore 150 More. Please observe to Co^l M^cKee or the Persons who he may direct to Estimate the weight of the Cattle that I took from the same herd 4 Oxen two of which were killed by Mr James Donaldson and two other by Mr Peltier or in his Presence, that the four Quarters of these four Cattle weighed 2531^{lb}, that adding one fourth more for hides, Tallow Heads Entrails &c makes 3164^{lb} which averages each at 791^{lb} w^t I dont by any means find fault with what is done at same time I fear the fifth quarter was not Estimated fully, however as there are 20 more head of these Cattle still to be appraised I mean their weight they may, I mean those who estimate them make amends provided only that on a revisal of the matter they think as I do that the others were rated low

I am Sir Your most obed^t Hble Serv^t

John Askin

Endorsed: Copy To Robert Stevens at foot of the Rapids July 17th 1793

FROM DAVID W. SMITH TO JOHN ASKIN

Niagara. 3^d August, 1793.

My Good Friend: I thank you for the Balsam you so kindly offered. my heart is not yet sufficiently healed, to be fit for so kind & reasonable a Salve. I have however read your Letter twice, & am not worse for it. thanks for your attention to the Remains of my lovely Maria. My father is well, my Mother melancholy enough & with a bad sore Leg, from a hurt, my wife, thin, but not worse in