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Endorsed: Fort Miamis March 19^h 98 M^r Jn^o Anderson
to Jn^o Askin recv^d & Answ^d y^e 31st

CAPTURE OF FUR CARGO

Montreal 23^d March 1798

Dear Askin By the Winter express I wrote you & Meldrum & Park a joint Letter in answer to your proposal respecting the *Sagana* saying I would give her all the freight I could procure at Fort Erie & Detroit for Michelam^a and depended on the preference to Load her with Packs the first Trip at Michelam^a on a Supposition she will be there not sooner then the 15th June and for you to give orders to be under the direction of my Agent there; I think there will be 3 or 4 Batte[a]u Load[s] for her at Fort Erie as soon as they can get there being now at La Chine, and its probable you may recieve proposals for a second Trip. I am now favord with yours of the 23^d Jan^y & 1st febr^y to which I have only time (having Just heard of this oppt^y) to say I am happy to hear you & family are in good health and that there is a prospect of seeing you here this Summer we have disagreeable news from N York of the Capture of one (and the richest of our Furr Ships in which we had to Amo^t of £12000 of which your musk was part as we believe it all Insured if no Loss by underwriters in my opinion the con[c]erned will have no reason to regret as I feared a Loss on the Sales, but what Leaves me in a State of A[n]xiety is our having no certainty of the Arrival of the *Euretta* the other furr Ship. I will write you fully the first Navigation perticulatly respecting M^r Hands & at same time answer his Letter, M^r M^eGill & I wrote you by the express a joint Letter respecting our property in your care and with best respects to M^{rs} & Miss Askin & M^{rs} M^eKee I remain D^r Askin Yours Sincerely

John Askin Esq^r

Isaac Todd

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