

SALVAGING WRECK OF THE *ANNETTE*

Dear Sir I have now before me your favor of the 12th Ins^t and shall attend in order to the Various Contents. One of my last respects Mentioned my having Received the Freight Account from you by the Way of the River LaTrench 8 Months after date. That Matter is therefore Settled. I am very Sencible of your kindness in the bussiness of the *Weazells* freight, and have Accordingly placed the £55. to your Credit on that Account for Com. Besides the 21. 4. 0 made by her from M^r Colt in Voyages to Presque Isle I have Charged M^r O Harra⁵³ the Contractor, for the freight of 123 barrels Salt £49. 4. 0. at your Credit. I am still without my Teas from the States. I have however Received from Montreal some Hyson & Breakfast teas for my own use, which I will chearfully share with you, & a portion of each shall be sent up before the last Vessell shall Sail. Bohea Costs in Montreal 3/9 Cash, Which with Commission Charges &c, brings it near 8/ york here, at which price it could be no Object to send you any. I have forwarded to you to Fort Erie the Shott Sope & Candles as p^r inclosed Bill of Parcels, Amounting with all Charges her[e] Shiped, to £62. 17. 3 York which I hope you Will find right. I hope in the Course of this Week to forward you some Barrels of Whiskey. The demand for this Article has of late been so Considerable, I can hardly get a sufficient Supply for the Shop. M^r Nichol got back from the Grand River only on the day the *Saguinau* Sailed. I could not therefor benefit by her, to send you any Information respecting the Unfortunate business at Long Point. [I] now inclose M^r N^s Report & Voutc[hers for] his Expenditures, which were as you see defrayed by the Sale of

⁵³ James O'Hara, born in Ireland about the year 1751, was educated in France and was commissioned in the Coldstream Guards before coming to America in 1772. He soon found his way to Pittsburgh, where he became identified with the Indian trade prior to the outbreak of the Revolution. He took an active part in that struggle, rising to the rank of brigadier general. Aside from his military employment he held, at different times, various public offices, and engaged in numerous business enterprises—among others the one here noted of contractor for provisioning the western army posts. Pittsburgh remained his home until his death, Dec. 21, 1819. He has been characterized by one writer as "the first Napoleon of industry in Pittsburgh," with whose early development he was prominently identified for almost half a century. See *Americana* (*American Historical Magazine*), IV, 295-99. For O'Hara's Detroit connections, see Louise Rau, "James Henry," *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, VII, 65 ff.