

CONTRACT FOR SUPPLYING CORN TO NORTH WEST COMPANY

Articles of Agreement made and concluded upon by and between John Askin Esq^r of Detroit, Merchant on the One Part, and Mess^{rs} McTavish⁴³ Frobisher⁴⁴ & Comp^y for the North West Company & in their behalf on the other Part

WITNESSETH

That the said John Askin binds & obliges himself to furnish & deliver to the Order of the Said North West C^o on board any Vessel laying before the Fort of Detroit, yearly, for Three successive years to commence with the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety Six, Twelve Hundred Bushels of Merchantable hull'd Corn & Twelve Thousand Pounds French Weight of Flour also good & Merchantable, One Third of both which Quantities to be ready On or before the First day of May each Year, One Third the first day of June & One Third the first Day of July & to be delivered on board free of Expence to the Company, they furnishing him with the Bags Necessary to Contain the Same.

In Consideration of the delivery of said Corn & flour at the different Periods above mentioned, the said M^cTavish, Frobisher & C^o for the North West C^o bind & oblige themselves to pay unto the said John Askin, or his Order, the Neat Sum of Twelve Shillings New York Currency for each bushel of Corn & Thirty-Two Shillings New Yk Currency P Cwt french or 108 [lbs] English weight of Flour so delivered payable in Montreal the Tenth day of October in each year of Said delivery as aforesaid. It is also understood by the Contracting Parties to this agreement, that during the Term of said agreement, the Said John Askin will not furnish or Cause to be furnish'd, any Person or Persons who may be in opposition to the aforesaid Company in the North West with any Provisions of the above mention'd Species

It is also understood that should Detroit fall under the Government of the United States of America, or should the

⁴³ Simon McTavish, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 533. His wife was Marie Marguerite Chaboillez, for whose career see *ibid.*, 91. Further facts about McTavish are in Wallace, *op. cit.*

⁴⁴ For the career of Joseph Frobisher, see *B. H. R.*, I, 73 and 111; for additional data, see Wallace, *op. cit.*