

WRECK OF THE *HARLEQUIN*Fort Erie 20th October 1801

Dear Sir, Having heard of part of the Wreck of the *Harlequin* being drove on Shore, about four Miles above Point Ebino, I gave directions to the Man that found it to bring it to me. he has accordingly done so. I therefore find that the foresail and Jib with all the cordage attached to the fore Mast is now here. In order to save expence, in addition to the loss already sustained, Captain Cowan being present, we thought it best to compensate the Mans trouble by giving him the Jib. The Mast also came on shore broke short off above the Deck, and had buoy'd the above articles on shore. I had intended to have sent those things up to you and Mr May on Board the *Ottawa*, but here is now a Mr Hay of Presque Isle present, who says he is a part owner, and says that he has no objection to their going, if appraised here and that you agree to take them at the appraisement, or else that they remain here, until directions are received from the owners what is to be done with them This has deterred me from sending them until I receive directions from the concerned. The Cordage is merely fit for nothing but to make rope yarn, or Oakum, the Sail is rubbed pretty much, but with repair might serve again,

The boat was found by an Indian, and is now at Buffaloe Creek in possession of Joseph Palmer Junior. he says he gave five Dollars for her. he has repaired her, and has her now in use.

None of the people on board has yet been found. the report said that Cap^t May⁸¹ was taken up and buried by some Indians.

I am D^r Sir your humble Servant

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81 Joseph May was a native of Birmingham, England. He served as a lake captain for some time prior to his death by drowning, here noted. He married Rebecca Knaggs, daughter of George Knaggs and Rachel Schley, who was born at the Maumee and bap-