

the Indian department, neither of which know any thing of such intention so situated it would be improper to make any application. M^r Chaboillez friends tell me the[y] suppose he will not stay there above a Year Longer & when I see Gen^l Hunter I will mention on a vacancy my wish he would appoint John but to intitle him to it he must be attentive and carefull to Transmit Accounts in his present employment as Gen^l Hunter is verry exact and wishes all under him to be so. I am sorry to hear that Cap^t M^cKee & M^r Ironside⁴⁵ have got there pay for irregularity in their Accounts & Vouchers. M^r M^cGill will answer your Letters respecting Land & property. I have been for some time Confined with a Complaint in my heart. I am getting fast old. Wishing you M^{rs} Askin & family many happy returns of the Season I am as usual

Ever Your Sinc[e]re friend

Isaac Todd

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Addressed: John Askin Sen^r Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: Montreal Dec^r 24^h 1803 Isaac Todd Esq^r to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 28^h Jan^y 1804 Answ^d y^e 29^h Jan^y

AGREEMENT FOR OPERATING THE *SAGUINAH*

Articles of agreement, made and concluded at this
day of in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and three; between George Meldrum & John
Askin Merchants on the one part, & Captain Fearson of
Detroit of the other part Witnesseth

Article 1st That the aforesaid George Meldrum & John Askin equal owners of the Sloop *Saguinah* do hereby bargain and sell to the said John Fearson, one third share in the Sloop *Saguinah*; with a third of her tackle rigging, apparel, Boates, stages, & every other thing to her belonging; for the sum of one hundred & sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence New York Currency, to be paid to each seperately; forming in all for said third of said Vesel &^{ca} the sum of three hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings & eight pence New York Currency as aforesaid

⁴⁵ George Ironside, for sketch of whose career see *B. H. R.*, I, 332.