

Mackina 14 Barrels of Pork which went forward in the *Saguinah* the freight on which to Mackina must be deducted from the Sales.

M^r Reynolds's Bill has been received, and is at your Credit. the Tea I Expect in about a fortnight. so soon as it arrives it shall be forwarded.

The *Saguinah* is now under Sailing orders having I suppose about 100 Barrels Bulk of Merchandise on board. there is no prospect of her getting more at present, I however hope that we may be able to do something better when she returns, at all events depend on my best Services.

I shall endeavour to do Something with Norton when more at leisure.

I am happy to hear that Captⁿ Meredith and Family were well, & shall always participate in the felicity of You & Yours. I beg my regards to the Family and am with the sincerest friendship My Dear Sir

Your Obed^t Serv^t

Rob^t Nichol

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Strabane Near Sandwich

Endorsed: Sep^r 6^h 1804 M^r Rob^t Nichol to Jn^o Askin
recv^d y^e 17^h Answ^d y^e 19^h

AFFAIRS OF THOMAS WILLIAMS AND COMPANY

Montreal 18 September 1804

Elijah Brush Esq^r

Sir I received your favour of the 2^d & 13 Ultm^o respecting the business with Fraser & Williams⁵⁸ previous to the death of John Casity I received a power of Attorney from Mess^{rs} Murray & Sansom London, and M^r David White⁵⁹ the two principal Creditors of Tho^s Williams & C^o on my departure for Detroit M^r Cruickshank for himself & M^r Kay⁶⁰ approved of my settling their business also. on my

⁵⁸ John R. Williams, for whom see *ante*, 383-84.

⁵⁹ For the career of David White, see *B. H. R.*, I, 195.

⁶⁰ William and John Kay, brothers, were Montreal merchants engaged in the western fur trade in the last quarter of the eighteenth century. William was a member of the grand jury which indicted Lieutenant-Governor Henry Hamilton of Detroit in 1778. Another brother, Alexander, was a lieutenant in the Indian Department at Mackinac