

P. S. I will want also your deed of sale for the for Acres of Land, Yet I would rather that you could Put it of to the Person whom you sold the adjoining Lot.

*Endorsed:* Petite Cote Nov<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>h</sup> 1804 from M<sup>r</sup> Park Answ<sup>d</sup>

## PROPERTY OF NORTH WEST COMPANY

Montreal 8<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1804

William Park }  
John Askin } Esquires  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Harrow }

Gentlemen A Coalition being effected between the N. W. Companies,<sup>71</sup> it becomes necessary that a valuation should be made of the *Nancy*, *Caledonia* and *Charlotte*, with their respective Rigging and Materials whether in use or spare. The Transfers will be made the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. The Parties interested have here jointly agreed, to nominate you to make the Valuations, and we hope that you will be good enough to undertake the Charge. Previous to your fixing said Valuations, it is meant that a Survey should be held upon each of the Vessels by three Carpenters, viz<sup>t</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Connolly Bates and Nelson, and a Report made by them to you thereon. In confiding this business to you, we are satisfied that the object of the Interested will be attained, without favor affection or prejudice to either. There is a Store House, House, and Wharff belonging to the Owners of the *Nancy* of which we wish for a separate Valuation from the Vessel and her Materials, according to what you may think the fair present worth of said Houses and Wharff.

Excuse the Trouble we hereby give you, and believe us with much esteem Gentlemen

Your very Humble Servants

Frosyth Richardson & C<sup>o</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Duff & Cap<sup>t</sup> Mills will represent the Interested in the

<sup>71</sup> Dissension among the partners of the North West Company had culminated, in 1795, in the withdrawal of certain of them and the promotion of a rival organization. Thenceforward until the death of Simon McTavish in July, 1804, competition was strenuous between the two groups of erstwhile associates. His death cleared the way for a reunion of the rivals, which was formally accomplished in Montreal on Nov. 5, 1804. See Davidson, *North West Company*, *passim*, especially 83 ff.