

Nancy, and Mr Ja^s M^cIntosh those in the other Vessels.

Addressed: William Park Esq^r Sandwich

Endorsed: Letter F. Richardson & C^o Dec^r 8, 1804.
answ^d 2^d Feb^{ry} 1805 post Paid Respecting the N W C^o

CHARTER OF THE *SAGUINAH*

Niagara Dec^r 15th 1804

John Askin Esq^r

Dear Sir I yesterday at this place received your letters of the 25th & 28^h Ult^o. I shall in the Course of the day See William Dickson on the business mentioned in your letter. it is not at all unusual for Cyder to come down in bad order. the working of the Vessels increases the fermentation of the Cyder, & very often not only lessens the Quantity but injures the Quality. Not being at home I cannot now Say how much I have Credited you with it will however Appear in Account Current It will I am afraid be a bad Spec, not a Barrel being yet Sold. With respect to the *Saguinah* I have to Make you an Offer which if you Accept let me hear from you by the very first Opportunity

I will give for the Charter of the *Saguinah* from Fort Erie to Mackina & back, with the allowance of Twenty One lay days, in all, Five Hundred Pounds New York Currency, payable at F. Erie on the first of October, the vessel to be at Fort Erie on the Twentieth of May, & to proceed with all dispatch So soon as loaded, for Mackina, & not to be detained on any Account, by the Owners or Captⁿ at Detroit. should she be detained by me beyond the 21 days, demurrage at the rate of Twenty Dollars P. day to be allowed I have been Offered the Charter of a vessel on terms Equal to these, but, wishing on all occasions where I Can with propriety do it to give you a preference I have declind accepting the Offer untill I hear from you.

I shall add what I have to Say in answer from William Dickson in a Postscript, & am in the Mean time with best Compliments & wishes to the Family Dear Sir

Your Friend & Faithful Serv^t

Rob^t Nichol