

the North West Company will [not] be able to Sail in future without sinking Money. If I with the other proprietors though[t] she would fetch half her Value we would set her up, but the great want of Money gives us no hopes. yet its a pitty that so good a Vessell which with about £300 worth of repairs in the Spring would be perfectly sound should be laid up I wish M^r Robert Dickson would purchase her his Trade is so extensive he would want a Vessell for himself & as he deals with you and I owe You the mode of payment would be very easy. I sent my Son to Michilimacinac with some Whisky & High Wines he returned without being able to sell a single Gallon though he Offered them for the price of this place & sink Duty & Freight. he left them in care of a M^r Gee with directions not to part with them except for re[a]dy payment. Sometime after Mess^{rs} Dumas Parentt & C^o had agreed to take them but when they produced my Order at Michilimacinac for the delivery to M^r Gees Clark (as he was gone a Wintering) he said M^r Gees had changed them for Suger payable next year which I do not believe having no such directions. This caused a disappointment of nearly £200. M^r William Mackintosh my agent at Post Vincents received of a Man named Hunot on account of a very large Sum due me 500 Deer Skins in ten Packs he marked them in my name and very thoughtlessly sent them by the same Man who was equiped & owed M^r Gouie. finding Detroit burnt where he was to have left them he carried them with his other Peltries to M^r Gouie who persuaded him to lodge them in his Store, and then kept them. I have commenced a Suit which will not end untill the Judges goes the Circuit next year. From the Post where I have legal Demands I have not got one pen[n]y I believe that to be the most rasscally place in any Country and dare not risk a Suit there let the demands be ever so fair. They are now making Laws to support roguery. I'm sure every honest man will think them such. I am fearfull that I have tired you with my misfortunes, your patience with my misfortunes but its to show you that when I promised £200 yearly to keep down the Interest, I had reason to suppose I would be able to command it.