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Endorsed: York Feb^{ry} 24^h 1806 Commodore Grant to
Jn^o Askin Recv^d y^e 17th & Answ^d the 18th March.

PROPOSAL FOR SALE OF THE *SAGUINAH*Strabane February 26th 1806

Dear Robert I wrote you a few lines by the Post towards the beginning of this Month my finger was too sore to write more but is now better. I have not as yet looked at your account deeming it unnecessary untill Captain Fearson and M^r Meldrum comes over to settle about the *Saguinah* the former knowing much better than me what he took up on account of the *Saguinah*. We are as yet undetermined whether we will repair her or not, at all events if we do I prefer the long days to the short for that purpose altho we may loose a trip or more by it indeed not being sure of freight we know not what we would losse or gain. Captain Fearson assures me with a good repair the Vessell would be a good one for many years but this repair would cost about £500. N.Y. Currency and perhaps not so much. Now any person who would have her repaired and fitted out should have my consent (and I dare say that of the other owners) to a half share in her and that when she is in good order must be worth nearly £1000 for she would not then be dear of £2000. I think you purpose continuing a Trade to this Quarter you would do well to take the offer, it will save you much freight money and in the repairs you would not have much money to lay out as a great part of the materials as well as provissions would be always furnished by you besides by dropping the Decks a very little she could go into the American Ports without charges and when not better employed could carry salt to Presquil you had better consider this matter seriously and if you find the undertaking too great for yourself alone I dare say there are some in your Quarter who will readily join you. you know jealousy has made many say that the *Saguinah*

his career, see Riddell, *Life of William Dummer Powell*, 218-19; D. B. Read, *Lives of the Judges of Upper Canada and Ontario from 1791 to the Present Time* (Toronto, 1888), 77 ff.