

said John Askin for himselfe his Executors [and] Administrators Doth covenant promis and agree that at the Expiration of the said Term of three years upon condition that the said Charlotte shall behav herselfe as a good and faithfull servant ought and is obliged to Do he will liberate and discharge hir from bondage and from his said service giving unto hir hir freedom and liberty

the said John Askin will also find and provide the said Charlotte with good and sufficient diet and cloathing during the continuance of her Servitude In testimony whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeabl[y] Set their hand and affixed their seals at Detroit aforesaid the day month and year first above written

Signed sealed & Del<sup>d</sup> In presence of

her

Charlotte X Moses

Endorsed: Charlottes Indentures mark

JOHN CAMPBELL SLAIN

S<sup>t</sup> Josephs 17<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1808

My Dear Father, My Letter per the *General Hunter* was very short, owing to the Business I had on hand, which consisted of Report of Survey &c & my mind wholly taken up with the narrow escape I had of my being superseeded without any reasons assigned for the same. I entertain hopes that my Enemees will let me alone after they have been so compleated frustrated in their operations. Count Chabot will I'm persuaded speak to the Governor in Chief in my behalf, thats to say he will give His Excellency an Account of my Character & abilities.

No doubt you have been informed of the unfortunate meeting between M<sup>r</sup> Redford Crawford<sup>66</sup> of the Mississipi & M<sup>r</sup> J Campbell<sup>67</sup> Agent of Indian Affairs for the United

<sup>66</sup> Redford Crawford was a brother of Lewis Crawford, for whom see *ante*, 576. Both were actively identified with the fur trade of the upper Mississippi region. For the death of Redford, see *post*, 688.

<sup>67</sup> John Campbell was engaged in trade on the upper Mississippi for several years prior to his appointment, in 1802, as U. S. Indian agent at Prairie du Chien. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, XIX, 323.