

that from the length of time he has been on my Land he has not raised any Swine. Should it be the case they consequently must be an expence only

Per the *Nancy* you'll receive a large Mocook sugar which you'll please accept. I wrote you per the *Gen'* [Hunter] a few days ago & shall again introduce or rather give M^r Cha^s Oakes Ermatinger¹⁶ a letter of Introduction to you. he does not stand in need of any thing I know of in your quarter, but he being merely a stranger & entirely unacquainted with any person (except M^r Moses David)¹⁷ wishes to get the best information he can how to get a passage down to Fort Erie with diligence in order to proceed to Montreal with expedition. He is a Brother to Geo Ermatinger but a far better man I believe. he carries on a Trade along Lake Superior & would have gone in the Lands again had his Goods arrived here before the non-intercourse Law taken effect. his Merchandize remains stored untill next spring; he proposes returning to this by Land in February next from York.

M^r Alex^r M^cIntosh will deliver you a Packet Containing a few quires of Paper. Have the goodness to write me by Mess^{rs} Baby, M^cGregor & Elliot & inform me how appearances are respecting us & our Neighbours the Americans. I did not receive any Papers by the last Vessels (except one my Friend Davids sent) I'm apprehensive that the

¹⁶ Charles Oakes Ermatinger was for many years a resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., where according to one authority, he was a man "of great energy, courage, and local influence." Both Charles and his brother, George (mentioned, *post*), were long engaged in the Northwest trade. Their father, a Swiss merchant, had settled in Canada not long after the British conquest of that country. A brother of Charles and George, Lawrence Edward Ermatinger, spent many years in England and Europe. Two of his sons, Edward and Francis, in the year 1818, became clerks of the Hudson's Bay Company; Edward served the Company ten years in the Far Northwest, while Francis served it between thirty and forty years, most of the period on the Pacific side of the mountains. Data derived from introduction to "Edward Ermatinger's York Factory Express Journal," in Royal Society of Canada, *Proceedings and Transactions* (Third Series), VI, Sect. II, 67-69, and Fowle, *Sault Ste. Marie*, 299-300.

¹⁷ Moses David was a member of a prominent Jewish family of Montreal, who located in Sandwich as a merchant as early as the autumn of 1800. Here he resided at least until the summer of 1814, when a letter preserved among the Solomon Sibley papers in the B. H. Coll. indicates he was seeking permission from Colonel Croghan to leave the place. Prior to 1803, he had been an ensign in Askin's battalion of the Essex County militia, and in this year, he and Charles Askin were slated for lieutenantancies when the next vacancies should occur. On Aug. 23, 1819, Charlotte David wrote from Montreal to Solomon Sibley of Detroit, concerning certain accounts due the estate of "the late Mr. Moses David." Data derived from mss. in B. H. Coll., *passim*.