

the payment you agreed with them. Should the express arrive before to-morrow, I will write again.

7th. No appearance of the York courier, so that La Rose must go to-morrow morning. And before I close I take the liberty of suggesting to you, that should the Indians continue to commit depredations as usual in killing cattle, the principal chiefs and others should be called to a council, and in council declare that you will make known to the commanding officer here, and the head of the Indian Department, the person who has behaved so ill, as well as the name of the chief to whose band he belongs, in order that their Father may detain clothing, etc., to the amount of the damage done. At the same time, not forgetting to write me their names, that a record thereof may be kept, and the King's bounty retained from them, if sanctioned by the officer commanding. And for you or any officer of the Department to transmit similar returns to Fort McKay to the Agent and Superintendent, that the same steps may be taken to check such devastations. A few examples will, I hope, put a stop to the mode those gentry have taken to ruin your settlement.

I enclose for your and Lieut. Grignon's information, a copy of a general order dated Kingston, 31st October last. By it you will perceive that the officer commanding has the command and superintendence of all the Indian Department. I detain Kay-po-di-yay, alias *Cut Nose*, until the York courier arrives. Please write Mr. Dickson that I did not receive any newspapers by the courier of December last, consequently have none (for the present) to send him.

Mrs. Askin joins me in best wishes, and am, dear sir,

Yours truly,

JNO. ASKIN, JR.

*Lieut. John Lawe, Indian Department, Green Bay.*

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ASKIN TO GRIGNON

MICHILIMACKINAC, 7th March, 1815.

*Dear Sir:*—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your sundry letters, and should have answered them by Inter-