

JACOBS TO LAWE.

MANOMENIE RIVER, 20th January, 1823.

DEAR LAWE,—Mr. J. Houlle did his message and threats you told him to tell me—first I should have no traide with indians. I told Mr. Houlle, to give you my compliments & you must take me for a [big] fool. I have Capt. Whistler Instructions before my eyes. Mr. J. Houlle told me if it could be proved I had dealinges with the Indians, you would give Orders to Chapue To get Indians to tie me up and bring me to the Bay this same thing word was sent me by Pierish Grignon and on the 23rd of November at night an Indian named Wabenenie which Chapue employs to go on Douvin came drunk to me saying I must give him whisky I was an inglishman and told Mr. J. Houlle that your commission of a judge could not authorize you to threaten me in shush a manner, if Capt. Whistler thaught propper to send for me it was right, and I am gentleman anuf to go forward without getting Indians to massecrate me althoug I am a Bratish Subject I am quite surprise at you judge Lawe, that you should commission shuch persons, however I have kept a journal of every transactions of this plase, and a good deal is said but no prove can be got, my Girl told me that you said I will be blam'd if I dont inform of Mr. Farnsworth giveing Whiskey to Indians I cannot prove it and if I could I should not injure a Man that has prevented me from Starveing this winter and have clothed my poor Children that was Naked—but I am afraid if Mr. Farnsworth wish to prove about Chapue given or retaling Whiskey to Indians he can bring forward two witnesses—Chapue sent one of his men with Indian Wabenenie to Bay des Nox, and met with two of Mr. Farnsworth men, those men got whiskey from Chapue man Jierror and gave some to Indians for six Martins and got all Drunk to gether.

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I am indeed verrey sorrey Dear Lawe that you believe I should be juiltey of defroding my word of Honour to Mr. Stuard [Stuart]—in my defense towards mysealf I ask no Friends, but justice and the strickest of the Laws, onley