

Request for Admission Number 119 .

Admit or deny that Exhibit 119 , attached, is a true and accurate copy of correspondence dated March 1, 1836 and addressed to L M. Warren Esquire from Gabriel Franchere, the original of which is in the letter book of the American Fur Co., Sault Ste. Marie Outfit 1835 - 1837, in the Bayliss Library, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Request for Admission Number 119 -A.

Admit that Exhibit 119 -A, attached hereto, is a true transcription of the document referred to above as Exhibit 119 .

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Put 32 March 1st at New York 1836

Dr. Wm. C. Quinn  
Factor for the Company  
Via Smith & Supt

My dear Sir

I avail myself of this Express to forward you Mr. Brooks' interesting letter rec'd by mail on the 13<sup>th</sup> ultimo - The same left for Saginaw Bay on 1<sup>st</sup> Inst and your letter, per all forwarded and I dare say will reach New York about 26<sup>th</sup> March.

I will not enter into many particulars respecting my operations since I had the pleasure on 2<sup>d</sup> ultimo, as nothing of importance has occurred worth noting - I have been busily employed in getting out suitable timber and lumber for the building of a new store, the construction of an additional pier to the old one which has been found too small to receive the large cargoes which are ordered out for our outfit; a shed in rear of the old store house with a terrace of 25 feet breadth to support the same in order to store the fish and inspect the same when shelled of a warm sun, which generally improves the quality of the article - all these matters with the usual attendance on

the retail store occupies my whole time; and add to that my getting out Slaves for Slaves, as Mr. Brooks has ordered a Cooper for the Establishment. I shall have no leisure of it this season.

In looking over a list of outstanding debts due Captain Outfit I find the names of several persons living at this place and some at Mackinac but from whom there is little chance of getting anything - One J. B. Deaton is charged with 35 Dollars; I spoke to him the other day and he produced a receipt for \$28.75 dated 1<sup>st</sup> Decr 1836 for as much as of J. B. Deaton - he has your detail list of 1<sup>st</sup> Decr 1833 for \$23.50 but the charge against him in your last statement is for a balance which is not enumerated in the list you gave him - I concluded that he owed you the 35 Dollars independent of that list - on which it would appear he gave you \$5. thus list 102 - \$23.50

Subtotal 25.00 48.50  
You & for same amount 28.50 Bal - \$23.50 which I will endeavor to collect

In regard to the fish you sent last fall by the Schooner, it bore different marks and as I got it inspected, I paid particular attention to have it separately enumerated and now give you statement of the quantity produced under each mark by -

D - 30<sup>th</sup>

C 16<sup>th</sup>

R 13<sup>th</sup>

You may C & their respective accounts accordingly if you see fit -

My last advice from Detroit states that the fish was sold at \$7.25 per Bl. Pounds of all kind one deer & one \$5 my 1<sup>st</sup> Inst p 32 Bulletin 32 But good prices were likely to be obtained for the first fish sent down in the spring -

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Mr Brooks desires that the Lake Superior should be sent up to him  
as the provisions for your quarters get low - and desires me to send you all the water  
I can spare, which will be duly attended to, & indeed I will be able to spare  
about 50 barrels of water, which I hope will be a sufficient supply till  
the boats can bring our supplies from below - In looking over my books,  
I found that I had credited an account against Schoon in Lake Superior, which is  
charged in full in my account current and details of which I now inform you  
I will endeavor to forward the Lake Superior expected up from Canada before  
they get here next May - that is if the Schooner is not here they will pro-  
ceed along the Lake shore in the same manner that will fetch them up -

The Indians of Wisconsin are gone to Washington where a treaty is to be  
held next month for the purchase of their lands by the General Govern-  
ment, and the Ojibwas and Shawanons are invited to settle in

It is the general impression here that the treaty is to be held at the  
place, if so, it will enable us to collect our old Indian debt, as I have  
as now been not having traded in Indians since last spring - I hope  
it will give us a good business besides -

The Hudson Bay Company have got out of their lethargy  
and their Agent at the place has received orders two weeks ago to get  
a load of 50 tons of fish, to fly on the ice of Lake Superior  
their main object is to avoid expenses in carrying up the provisions to  
supply their different Posts on the Lake &c. but from the preparation  
they make in getting out Cooper's stuff at this place and Batchelor  
Bay, I can see that the main object is to carry on the fisheries in  
their waters to the utmost extent, and keep sharp look out that  
we do not venture to extend ours on the lands they claim. I trust it  
will not injure us materially, tho' it may affect this part a little, as it is  
given out that they intend to open a store on the opposite side of the  
river, to collect the fish caught in the Rapids if so I must keep a  
sharp look out and extend our fisheries along the Lake shore, for  
the people on our side, if I can judge from the last seasons opera-  
tions are so intemperate and addicted to liquor, that most of the fish  
I procured last Autumn came from the British side - Besides  
the Hudson Bay Co. sell their provisions and goods at a low rate,  
that nothing can be made in the fish purchased, were we to get  
it at the same rate -

I have no news of interest regarding Politics of a  
later date than such as are contained in your papers. The European  
things look rather equally, and I am much afraid that there will  
be blood shed in long in that ill-fated colony. With my best  
respects to Doctor Barrow and Lady Selkirk, believe me to be my dear Sir

Yours devoted

Samuel Prescott

Nathaniel Prescott

Factor in the Company

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Sault S<sup>te</sup> Marie 1<sup>st</sup> March 1836

L M. Warren Esquire

Factor Am: Fur Company

LaPointe: L, Sup<sup>r</sup>

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In looking over a list of outstanding debts due Lapointe Outfit I find the names of several persons living at this place and some at Mackinac but from whom there is little chance of getting anything - One J, B<sup>te</sup> Beaudine is charged with 25 dollars; I spoke to him the other day and he produced a receipt for \$28.<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dated June 1834, for as much rec<sup>d</sup>

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see fit-  
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Bbl Provisions of all Kind were dear. Flour \$5. mess Pork \$22. Butter  
22 But good prices were likely to be obtained for the first Fish sent  
down in the spring. -

M<sup>r</sup> Crooks desires that the John J, Astor should be sent up so soon  
as the provisions for your Quarter get here - and desires me to send you  
all the salt I can spare, which will be duly attended to, I believe I  
will be able to spare about 50 Barrels Coarse, which I hope will be a  
sufficient supply till the vessels can bring our Supply from below.-  
In looking over my books, I found that I had omitted an account against  
Schooner J.J. Astor, which is charged in Globe in my account current and  
details of which I now enclose you I will endeavour to forward the Pork  
Eaters expected up from Canada so soon as they get here next May - that is if

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the Schooner is not here they will procede along the Lake shore in the same canoes that will fetch them up.

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Squally, and I am much afraid that there will be Blood Shed ere long  
in that ill fated Colony, With my best respects to Doctor Borup and  
Lady, believe me to be my Dear Sir

Your devoted

Humble Servant

Gabriel Franchere

factor Am: Fur Company

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