

Request for Admission Number 1.

Admit or deny that Exhibit 1, attached hereto, is a true and accurate copy of correspondence dated June 7, 1833 and addressed to Indian Agency Michilimackinac, from H. R. Schoolcraft, the original of which is located in the National Archives.

Request for Admission Number 1-A.

Admit that Exhibit 1-A, attached hereto, is a true transcription of the document referred to above as Exhibit 1.

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Indian Agency  
 Michilimackinac  
 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1833.

C. Herring Esq  
 Com. Ind. Affairs  
 Washington  
 Sir,

I have received a petition signed by sixty three individuals residents of this post & vicinity who are interested in fishing on the shores of Michiligan, debating my assistance in retaining to them the right and privilege which they have heretofore had enabling them to fish at the fishing grounds known by the names of Isle d'Orleans and Belle Isle & its vicinity.

This application is understood to have been made in consequence of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 32<sup>nd</sup> referring to me a request of Messrs. Diddle & Brown & Dr. Sylvestre for an exclusive privilege to fish at or near the points mentioned. It is permitted here, as yet been granted by me to these gentlemen, and as the season of fishing is still distant I have deemed it proper to refer back the whole subject with the suggestion that a broader scope be given to the power conveyed to me, and a sufficient bond be exacted from each person who received a permit.

I have the honor to be Sir  
 Very respectfully  
 Your obt. Servant

Signed)

A. B. Schoolcraft  
 Indian Agent

Indian Agency MICHILIMACKINAC June 7<sup>th</sup> 1833.

E. Herring ESQR Com. Ind. Affairs Washington

SIR, I have received a petition signed by sixty three individuals residents of this post & vicinity, who are interested in fishing on the Straits of Michigan, soliciting my "assistance in retaining to them the right and privilege which they have heretofore had enabling them to fish at the fishing grounds known by the names of Isle Epourette and Mille a coquin and its vicinity."

This application is understood to have been made in consequence of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1832 referring to me a request of Messrs Biddle & Drew & Mr Sylvester for an exclusive privilege to fish at, or near the points mentioned. No permit have, as yet been granted by me to these gentlemen, and as the season of fishing is still distant I have deemed it proper to refer back the whole subject, with the suggestion that a broader scope be given to the power conveyed to me, and a sufficient bond be exacted from each person who received a permit.

I have the honor to be Sir Very respectfully Your Obt Servt

Signed) H. R. SCHOOLCRAFT

Indian Agent

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Office of Indian Agency  
 Michilimackinac 9<sup>th</sup> Octr 1832.

Sir:

Since the receipt of His Excellency Gov. Porters circular letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 1832. The considerations by which it has been dictated, I have already had an opportunity to present, to a party of Ottawas, headed by their chief the wing, and also to a party of the Grand Traverse Chippewa Indians, headed by their principal & secondary chiefs, who called at this office yesterday. The impression that it made on the mind of the Ottawa chief was evidently appreciated, and duly acknowledged with grateful feelings and regarded with interest.

The wing is a chief who was truly attached to the Republican interest during the last war, and has been considered by the Governor at Detroit as worthy the liberality of our Gov.<sup>t</sup> of which he acknowledges also to have expressed under Col. Boyd many unusual instances. He now makes an application for clothing, for eight of his young men & for himself a sail-

Many of the poor and destitute of the Ottawa & Chippewa tribe have applied for clothing, and these truly appear objects worthy of charity. The last of my Tobacco I have this day issued and I now wait your further instructions on these sensitive points.

I would now advert to the procedure of most of the inhabitants of this place, who have made their departure for the fall fishing, on the North Coast of Lake Michigan from this to mine & again, without applying for licenses, In this Mr. Wm Biddle & Tom Boyd have led the example,

519 trusting to custom more than to rules observed in your  
office, on this point - I would solicit your instructions & views

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Yours obt. Servant.

Geo. Johnston

Sub-Agent.

Henry W. Chadcroft Esq.

Indian Agent.

For the joint Agencies of Mackinac & Sault Ste Marie

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