

Request for Admission Number 111 .

Admit or deny that Exhibit 111 , attached, is a true and accurate copy of correspondence dated December 2, 1835 and addressed to Ramsay Crooks 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.

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Request for Admission Number 111 -A.

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2nd St. Louis 3 December 1835
 Ramsay Crooks Esquire
 President-Am. Fur Company
 New York

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt of your favors of 9th & 15th ultimo as well as one from the office in N.Y. of 31st October handed me by Mr. Livingston who reached here on the 30th after a tedious journey from Mackinac of nine days and

The Boat fast in the Ice a few miles this side of the Detroit. I am now enabled to close all my accounts which I enclose with the hope they will reach you in time to be of service.

Our winter may be considered has having fairly set in, we have one foot snow and the Ice is making rapidly. The River, the Thermometer has been 15° below zero.

I agreed to the sums due by Debtors & Delinquents of 1834 my stay in Canada was so short that I left a power of attorney with my brother J.B. Francklin, together with the engagements and debts for collection, referring one of his letters of 1st July, in which he had set him up to that period to

correct any error. - I have made out a new set with Northern Express copy of which I send for your information. It agrees with my Books and hope it will prove satisfactory. The accounts for Lapointe will be made out in due time for the Winter Express, as well as copy of my Inventory an abstract of which I now also enclose, (any thing coming to hand for Doctor Boon or any of our Gentlemen at Lapointe I shall receive my attention).

My Balance Sheet so called is more a list of Debts due and owing my office, it is nevertheless a faithful copy of the balances on my Books up to 31st October 1835.

My order for \$5000.00 will receive my earliest attention and your instructions as regards the same followed strictly. I will endeavour to forward it by the January mail.

Mr. Agnew has received all the information you wished me to impart and is very thankful for your kind attention.

In one of Mr. Abbotts letters I note an extract from one of your letters respecting Mr. Hulbert's position as regards provisions. I had kept an eye to that before and ascertained that his stock was so slender that he was under the necessity of borrowing of Mr. Monroe 35 Barrels of Flour to enable him to go along with his wood contract. but in all cases he can always get assistance from the Quarter Master of the Garrison, which was the case last summer when the Flour took a rise below. - Among the letters brought from Canada by Mr. Livingston I received one from his late employer which is very satisfactory. - I trust I have made a good choice this time. - Should he be wanted to accompany you to Lapointe next season you will find him of great assistance.

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My Fishing Adventure with Thomas Edwards is closed for this season and all the fish stored. There is an apparent gain of about 400 Dollars, by valuing the Fish at 7 Dollars per Barrel here. I regret much that it could not be sent down to Market this fall, but it could not be helped, and if it had been here sooner, the General Warren could not possibly have taken it down.

I forwarded to Mr Brewster my a/c with Detroit Sept up to 31st exclusive of August a/c which could not

be made out here for want of data as of Sundry sums paid for drafts drawn on Mr Brewster at Sundry times, and also a/c Sales of Fish &c.

We are getting on slowly here with our work. The snow fell so early that the men who in the Forest had not time to faze and the woods are almost (in two situations) inaccessible and has prevented our men from getting at suitable timber for the piers - Capt Stannard is however on the look out and ready to commence operations, meantime I am hauling stone for the foundation of the store and to fill the lower pier. A horse and team will be dispatched as early as practicable to Sole Le Croix, to bring up the Lince and some other party left with the Boat by Mr Ashman's people. The trade is dull the Indians do not hunt, The Pim and his band have not given me a single fish this fall notwithstanding all his fair promises - Mr Hulbert got all their fish, now that the fishing season is over, they promise to pay in June, but I do not expect much from them. Many of the outstanding debts on the Belton Store have been paid since it was made out, by Fish.

I am very sparing on advances to any of them, and will carefully avoid their getting in debt, as much as I can - as they have no means of paying in the winter season -

Mr Stannard and my daughter join me in assurances of respect to yourself & Mrs Crooks and family. Please remembrance to the Gentlemen of the Office to poor John Noddy and daughter and believe me to be very respectfully, my dear Sir

Yours Obedient
 Humble Servt.
 Gabriel Henshaw
 P.S. I am: I am O.K. company

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