

Grand Rapids April 12 -/45

My Dear Sir/

I went above last Wednesday to settle my account; and I found the thaw had made such progress as to render the River dangerous, both opposite Spences and Sutherlands. I there fore called upon Mr. McAllum, and informed him that owing to the state of the Ice, I did not expect you at the Rapids on Sunday the 13th inst. He is also (?) that you will not

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be at liberty till the 18th of May. However should you find it convenient to come to the Rapids on the 11th I dare say I shall have an opportunity of acquainting Mr. McAllum with it before then.

There has been a good deal of excitement above, by the Importers from the States, refusing to pay the Import. And I take the first opportunity of informing you of the laudable conduct of Mr. McAllum with Henry Cook. Mr. McAllum bought some bonnets from Henry and hearing that he refused

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to pay the Import. Mr. McAllum asked him if he had charged the import on the bonnets? to which he replied no. "Mr. McAllum, I suppose you would have charged the bonnets a little higher, if you had intended to pay the Import." "Henry certainly." "Mr. McAllum, here is the additional price, carry it to Mr. Bird, if you don't intend to pay the Import, take your bonnets home with you; for I do not intend to purchase counterban articles." As you have had dealings with Henry you may be in the same

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position with the said Gentleman. I give you this information, so that should you choose to act you may have an opportunity of developing your soundness of Judgment & principle. Only keep the hint private that you may not appear to act from precedent.

Yours Truly

Wm Cockran.