

Transcription of letter to Charles Gratiot, July 24, 1811 A.L.S

New York 24 July 1811

Dear Sir

The last letter I have recv'd from Col. W.P. Hunt was dated the 9th April at Fort Oswego when he maintained that he had written to me more particularly on the day preceding which letter I have not recv'd _ Should you get any information relative to him or his partie (*party*) I will esteem it a great fav'r if you will be so kind as to communicate to me _ The fur trade as well as every other is very bade(*bad*) here and no kind of skins except some few for home consumption will sell nor have we at present any prospect of any favorable change.

Deer skins that should have been sold at 20 cents a lb & are plenty in market.

I am Dear Sir your
very Humble Servant
John Jacob Astor

Letter is addressed to:
Charles Gratiot Esq
St. Louis
Indian Territory

Transcription of letter to Anthony Charles Cazenove, July 11, 1813 A.L.S

New York 11 July 1813

Dear Sir

I have recv'd your esteemed letter of the 8th and am greatly obliged by your good wishes as also the offer of your good services.

I am ___thy (*generally?*) in the way of buying _____(?) and as I know that it frequently passes through your place. I had it in contemplation to have made you a visit when last at Washington but was prevented and to have asked of you whether you would furnish some for me. At present and for 2 months to come I would take 15 to 20,000lbs if of good quality could be had at 25 cents a lb. I do not know whether you are a judge of the article but there is a good deal of difference in the quality and that which is not good will not answer ___ but if you meet with some that is good and of the price mentioned I will thank you to buy for me and draw on me as occasion may require. I have not been much in the way of making consignments and at present I believe it would not answer as ___(?) pretty(?) good ___(?) here at some other time. I may avail myself of your good offer. In the meantime I shall be glad if Jean be of any use to you here.

I am with great esteem
Dear Sir your most ob (obedient)
John Jacob Astor

Letter is addressed to:
Ant (*Anthony*) Chs(*Charles*) Cazenove Esq.
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New York Feb 11th 1813
John Jacob Astor