into any extensive Enterprise of my own planning. I should avail myself of this unlooked for advantage, and leave broken all their important establishments on Lake Superior. The capture of Fort Williams alone, would have nearly destroyed the Enemy's fur trade, as that is his grand depot and general rendezvous, from which his extensive trade branches in all directions, and at which place there is never less than at this in value, of property. And at this season of the year, it is said there is twice that amount. I fear such another opportunity may never occur. The capture of these two posts, and the possession, will, however, prove a very serious inconvenience to the Enemy in that remote quarter, where the loss cannot easily be retrieved. Flour was before this last, worth $20. $25. per barrel there, and Salt Provisions 50 cts to $1.16. pr lb.

I have the honor
to remain, Sir,
with great Respect
Your Obt Svt
A. Sinclair

The Honorable
William Jones
Secretary of the Navy