

1824.

Darling to Johnson, 31st May, 1824. The regret of the commander of the forces at the continued complaints against Doucet. The bad policy of contrasting Doucet's conduct with that of Archambault, whose object is to exalt himself. The commander of the forces has no time nor desire to go into Doucet's accounts; they were within his (Johnson's) authority and means and explanations should have been asked before Doucet was accused of intentional dishonesty. How the accounts are to be vouched for. Page 445

Sir John Johnson to Doucet, 8th June, 1824. In consequence of complaints from the chiefs, his accounts have been sent back for revision and correction. Points out his discrepancies. How the accounts are to be made out and verified. The manner in which he had an account certified by four Indians (one only of whom was a principal chief) and sent direct to head-quarters was most unfair and in direct violation of the instructions in his commission. The chiefs complain of the extensive introduction of rum, &c. 448

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