

to determine. In Short this is much of a view with
the Council of Indians. There was a Corp's File of men
ordered to take a Soldier prisoner for insulting an Indian
and there was one Indian called in by me to receive
information. & it is true that he afterwards got a bag of
rum (a gallon keg) at his own request. —

That any Indian capturing the one
that was injured made a noise is equally false with the rest, &
even that one Indian was so satisfied with the steps taken in
his behalf that he shook hands with me at parting &
not a syllable uttered when the subject afterwards. —

It appears rather extraordinary that Mr Elliott should
not have preferred Mr Trombides information to any other
having sent him up to me on the subject of the Articles pur-
chased from the Indians ^{by the Soldier}. But I do not know what his aim
was, to accomplish which this information would not have
served.

I am Sir wth Respect
Your most Obedt^{ly}
Most Humble Serv^t
Hector McLean

Mr Selby-