Fort Clark October 19th 1779

I do certify that at the Time Col. Todd made the Purches of 210 Packs of Peltry Such purchese Was absolutely necessary for the Support of the Garrisons of Illinois — This Commissary could purchase nothing at the Credit of the State — But Flower upon the Exportation of which an Embargo was Lade all the Beaves except those absolutely necessary to Support the Lives of th Inhabitants were killed up, The people began to think hard of their Free Goverm.t — The Hospital wanted mediceins the officers were used to live upon some things Better then Flower alone In short a general Disgust prevailing Made that purchase necessary which Commande the nede Articles from the Spanish Shore —

The grate price Colo. Todd gave for the Peltries and his apprehension that the Govtmt and Counsel are unacquainted With our true Situation Induces him to apply for Certificate of my approbation

John Montgome

Col. Montgy's
Cert Amount
of Peltry to
John Todd

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