

vessel to leave he is not likely to detain the *Archange*. In that case I shall return your boat loaded with corn but you must have it made into lye hominy yourself for I expect only hulled corn from Detroit.

Rum is very scarce and likely to be. Those who brought some up were obliged to make oath at Detroit that both it and the flour were for the northern trade only. They cannot dispose of any here. I shall not sell a barrel for less than 300 livres, and bread will be worth 6 livres at least.

I expect Capt. Robertson will be here about the time the Indian returns with the *Mackinac* so that I shall have a load for her. If you need any ashes for the lye hominy you must tell me. Nothing has come yet of what you ordered, nor have I had a single letter from Detroit. They are in the *Angelica*. Archange and all the family embrace you.

I am &ca.

Per Mr. McBeath's vessel.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO MESSRS. TODD AND MCGILL
AT MONTREAL, MAY 28, 1778

The foregoing is the Copy of a Letter I wrote you by the way of the lakes the 8th Instant. I forgot to mention that there was inclosed in it a small memord^m for some things & affidavids about the Martins that were missing last year. I here inclose you the Copy of the Memord^m but not the Copies of the Affidavids, nor bill of sale of the Land. I hope the Originals will not miscarry, you have with this a Copy of my letter dated the 28th of April last which left this with my other Dated the 8th of may.

Your Acc^t Curr^t with me I here inclose which comprehends every acc^t I received of Yours before the 1st of January last, since which I have received one amounting to £1023.. 11..7¼ Halifax, which I have credited your new Acc^t with.

Cap^t Bannerman⁵⁴ arrived here a few days ago in their small Vessell from Detroit with some corn & Rum for the

⁵⁴ Probably this was the man whose fur-trade transactions at Detroit in 1774 are recorded in *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XXVIII, 561-63. Other than this, we have found no clue concerning him.