

gelica some hours after. Mr Holmes⁵⁶ & Mr Howard arrived at same time. The Indians⁵⁷ also that's going to war, choose not to come before, they are now dancing at my door, the Angelica preparing to Sail so you may judge the time I have to write. I shall not be now able to let you know by this opportunity whither I receive all you sent me or not, the greatest confusion reigns here.

In two days I shall send the Archange for my flour, with such Vouchers as I hope will Satisfy Governor Hamilton of the Necessity of leting it come, purchase more for me 14 M is not half Sufficient.

Mr Bellesur has sent me 24 Bags hulled Corn & 33 of Unhulled, but each wants a Gallon of being a Bushell & a half. I will take a Certificate of this & send you.

Mr Holmes writes you. I'm well provided with Corn. Flour & my liquors I beg you'll forward by every Opportunity.

P. S. Take notice how your Corn is measured in 4 Bags of $1\frac{1}{2}$ Bushels, there is $\frac{1}{2}$ a bushel deficient even of the unhulled Corn, the measure you had made for me Yourself.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO SAMPSON FLEMING AT DETROIT,
JUNE 4, 1778

At no time can you be busier than I am at present. Yesterday the two Vessells, the first Canoes from Montreal & the Indians Arrived, my things are now unloading & the Vessell preparing to Sail yet I find time to thank you for your kind present & to scold you for not leting me know the Sailors Allowance. You'r actually careless when I ask your information, but I have said enough.

M^{rs} Askin is very sensible of M^{rs} Flemings kind present for which She returns many thanks. I wish our poor Country could afford something that would be acceptable to

⁵⁶ William Holmes, an early British trader in the Northwest. He was with Alexander Henry on the plains of Saskatchewan in 1776. He was in partnership with James Grant for some years, and for a number of years partner in the North West Company.

⁵⁷ These northwestern Indians were being summoned to Montreal to assist the British in Burgoyne's campaign. See further allusions to them *post*, in letters to Sampson Fleming and Pollard, June 4, 1778.