

Mr<sup>s</sup> Fleming, we will try some Soused Trout by the time Robertson goes down.

I'm Actually in much distress about my Flour & have applied to Major De Peyster for liberty to send a small Vessell of mine for it, by her I shall send such Vouchers as I hope will convince the Governor of the necessity of it's coming. I do assure you added to what I'm to furnish for the North Trade, I have taken 2000 W<sup>t</sup> that was left with me, & had bread made with it for the Officers & myself last winter, rather than Reduce them to eat the bad flour belonging to the Store, if no other can be done, you must after my Vessell Arrives, take it into the Store & I draw the same Quantity here by which means it will not leave the Settlement, yet that will be very hard on me to exchange, good for bad, besides the Bags which I cannot do without. I hope the good news now come from Canada with the appearance of a fine Crop will remove all Obstacles, my own famely consists of about 20 persons always, none of which I assure you is accustomed to live without bread nor ever Shall as far as in my power lies to prevent it, & I realy should think it very hard even to be put on the footing of the Inhabitants of Detroit, many of which seldom eat Bread. I should be glad you would mention a little of this Matter to Governor Hamilton.

Our news is that Gen<sup>l</sup> Clintons Army defeated Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates below Albany & killed him with 7000 of his people, which prevented any attempt against Canada last Winter.

I find we are again allowed a Cooper with Provisions for Ourselves & him According to M<sup>r</sup> Days Letter to me Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of January last. I want to know if you have received such orders & when you commence drawing for you & him.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO PHILIP DEJEAN<sup>58</sup> AT DETROIT,  
JUNE 4, 1778

I was favoured with yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> of May last, the

<sup>58</sup> Philip Dejean was born in 1734 in the city of Toulouse, where his father was procureur general. He came to Canada and on Jan. 12, 1761, married at Montreal,