

myself. I have not had one pound of Flour this Season. L^t Governor Hamilton would not Suffer more than thirteen thousand W^t to leave Detroit & that only to such persons as were on the Spot, or had others to make oath that it was for the N. W. Trade. M^r Sterling has fourteen thousand W^t purchased for me, my Vessell is just now going to Sail in order to fetch it & what Rum I may have Arrived at Detroit, which without one moments loss of time shall be forwarded to the Portage. I'm in great hopes from what Major De Peyster has wrote L^t Governor Hamilton with the other precautions I have taken, that not only the 14 Thousand but even more may come for me if Ready. I dare say by this time the Spring News from Canada has got to Detroit (which was not the case when the last Vessell left it) So that Governor Hamilton will now see that there is now no necessity for Stopping the provisions in that Settlement.

Your Canoes shall be loaded with what's here & at S^t Mary's as nearly conformable to your orders as possible & I beleive it will make about their Loading. I have sent some flour forward & will now send about a thousand W^t more, so that I still hope there will not be the least disapointment. I wish Mess^{rs} Todd & M^cGill had sent me by the Grand River the 1700 Gallons they wrote me they would. I in many letters warned them not to depend on the Liquors comeing the other way, & that I had none. I know it was their great desire not to [incur] too much expences, prevented them but I asure you nothing hurts me so [much] as any persons being disapointed who depends on me, tho not my fault.

I have wrote you the most necessary [matters] & must refer the rest for another oppertunity. Your Brothers Letter from S^t Mary's which you [will receive] with this will inform you further.

As it's impossible for me to write any other at Montreal by this oppertunity, please make my excuse to Madam Chaboul-liez. I will do myself the Honour to write her in a few Days, for the present please let her know, I will execute her orders for the Additional Quantity of Corn she has ordered, the Rum I cannot promise untill I have fullfilled my engagements, let her know also that her Canoes was the first men