

that time, however as I beleive this was no more than taking precautions for supplying the place untill news was heard from Canada of Provisions being on their way up, and as I have reason to think that news must now be Arrived at Detroit, I make no doubt there will be no farther hindrance. I therefore have this Day sent a Vessell for my flour which is ready purchased, & as Major De Peyster has wrote the Governor very pressingly about it & I have taken the other necessary precautions, I hope that it & the remainder of what I'm to Supply you with, will still arrive here in good time, & the utmost dispatch shall be made to send it to the Portage. Please acquaint Mons^r Charls Chaboulliez that the remainder of his Rum & Flour shall also go at same time.

I this Day have wrote to M^r Benjⁿ Forbisher fully about what I have done, at same time I sent him your letter. I could have wished that Mess^{rs} Todd & M^cGill had sent me the quantity of Rum I wrote for in Canoes. I warned them in several letters not to depend on what was comeing by the way of the lakes. I'm well persuaded that it was their fear of throwing me into too much expence, prevented them, at same time their being asured the other Rum would reach me in good time, which I still hope it may, however I would much rather be at any Charge than disapoint any person who confides in me—there is no such thing as getting the grease you want yett, but in a few days I hope there will be some in, I expect some in my Canoes. Your own Canoes will be able to take what you have here & what of yours remains at S^t Mary's otherwise of cource the Vessell should, the Additional quantity of Corn & rum you order shall be sent if in my power, of the former I have Sufficient if it was hulled. I will set people to work about it. I'm much hurried at present I will take some other oppertunity to write you more

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO JEAN BAPTISTE BARTHE
AT SAULT STE. MARIE

a Michilimakina Le 6 juin 1778

Mon cher frere jay Reque toutes vos Lettre a quoi je ferait Reponse par sauvages votre Buthan partira aussy au