

*Translation*

Michilimackinac, June 6, 1778

My dear Brother: I have received all your letters and am sending my reply by the Indian. Your merchandise will go at the same time if I can get men, and I shall try to send everything that you have ordered. All that you have delivered for Mr. Frobisher by St. Cir is put on board the North West Company's vessel except 150 minots of corn; kindly give that to St. Cir as he passes the Sault, also all the merchandise belonging to the North West Company. They will have room for it in their canoes and you will have plenty of other things to send. Charge shipping expenses of the merchandise to the account of each individual owner, that is, the cost of carriage in your boats, its care at the Sault, and carriage at the portage.

Mr. McDonald's wages are 1170 livres a year. The Indian gets 900 livres. I have given them provisions, as much as I thought they could eat in all reason, with a quarter of a pint of rum per day. The other men have half that much rum and what I judged would be plenty of provisions.

Lavoine set out this morning in the *Archange* for Detroit to get my flour. I have not had a pound yet but hope for some now, also plenty of rum. General Carleton gave orders that mine is to come through the first. My clerk, Lorty, left Lachine in April last with five boats. I have plenty of corn but cannot send you more than 80 minots of lye hominy, and shall fill the boat with other things—ashes, a kettle, and such like.

Capt. Robertson arrived before the *Angelica* but left the same day to examine the coast along the French River. I have decided to build a house there.

The vessel could not take your canoes. Tell me if you want to sell them. I shall not need either sugar or gum [for myself] but could sell both here at 20 sols a pound. Your order of last fall is now off in my two canoes. Take receipts for all the merchandise you send out.