

you should have credited as taken to the Sault to send on and which I have charged up. Otherwise one could never keep things straight.

You have done well with the Indians I notice, and I feel certain that business will be good. Archange and all the family embrace you tenderly. Present my compliments to Mrs. McDonald. There is a bag of biscuit in addition to the men's provisions which is for the Indian on Lake Superior. Our accounts are now straight and there is a balance of 57897 livres 9 sols that you owe me. I have engaged a man to go with the Indian in place of Jupiter whom I shall send to you in the canoe.

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FROM JOHN ASKIN TO NATHANIEL DAY AT MONTREAL,
JUNE 9, 1778

I was Honoured with your two Letters bearing date the 6th of October & the 20th of Jan^y last the 3^d Ins^t; the returns I transmited to you the 8th of last Month will shew plainly the Quantity of Provisions then in Store, Except I may be a little rong in respect to the W^t of what was laid aside as bad, but the difirence is so trifling that it cannot cause Any Mistake in Estimating what may be wanted for this Garrison. I shall in future [a]greable to your Orders send in the fall of Each year the return & demand of what Provisions may be wanted for this Post.

The great distance of this Place renders it Imposible for me to Comply with your Orders so Speedily as I could wish. the returns for the 24th of May was made up before I recev^d your Orders for changing the form & as the 24th Inst. is so near, & it being a time for making the General Settlem^t I thought it would be best & most Agreeable to you to continue the Old form untill that time. In particular as I cannot well see how the change can be made Except after a General Settlement without deviating too much from the rules you have been pleased to lay down. I do supose that when you sent off Your Orders & the New returns, you Expected they would have reached me Early in february & as at that