

what is for you. Take off all my rum that is for the gentlemen at the north and put it on their canoes as they go through, without sending it on here. Be sure to take a receipt and send it to me.

It is not possible for me to tell you for this year what is to be shipped on the vessel as each trader will take what he can in his canoes and the remainder will go on the vessel. Another year I shall try to have all that arranged better.

It is true that I have engaged Mr. Nodisne for three years, also another clerk, and besides them I expect Mr. Lorty in soon. Grease costs 3 livres a pound and very scarce at that.

I find it will be better to put Baptiste with Mr. McDonald instead of with Mr. Brulon, and I shall send Pomp back to you. I have not thought it well to send Louison out with Brulon as he had the impudence to strike him. Chalou behaved himself on the last voyage. Lavoine is out at present but as the *Archange* is on her way up from Detroit I shall send her to you with a load of flour and rum. I shall try to collect something of what Mr. Campau owes. As soon as your vessel gets in try to send them [the peltries] to me by the first good opportunity so that I can have them loaded in my canoes.

Archange asks you for her books and embraces you tenderly. There may be something more to add, if not, I remain.

This merchandise amounts to 3696 livres 18 sols.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO JOSEPH FROBISHER AND JOHN MCGILL,
JUNE 13, 1778

As I'm informed that you two have to transact the business of the N. W. C^o this Season, I take this opportunity of M^r M^oBeth to inform you that by letter I Received from Montreal to day, I'm assured that there is on the way for me about 150 Kegs of Rum & Spirits all which quantity or more if it arrives you shall have by the two Canoes S^t Cir left for the purpose, or what part of it they may not be able to take with them shall go by the first Vessell, the Grease your M^r Jo^s Forbisher ordered shall also go by the Canoes