

& if in my power I will furnish the additional quantity of Rum he wrote me about, however it will first be necessary to send what I have already engaged to find you. I hope the return of my Vessell from Detroit will put it in my power to send you the remainder of your Rum & Flour. My Liquors that's coming up this [spring] I'm informed was to leave Deer Island the 10th of last Month in a Vessell that was ready to take them on Board. I imagine that you got by the first trip of the Vessell all that was forwarded to you, except what your own Canoes took, for tho' I mean to serve others, yet my intention is by all means that you have the Preference, indeed I mean to allot one of the two small Vessells purely for your Service, only when you cannot load her of course others may put on board, the other I mean for the use of such other Gentlemen as may choose to Ship in her, when I have the Pleasure of seeing you here we will settle all them matters.

I have not as yet heard from Your M^r John M^cGill⁷⁰ who I'm told is gone to the Saut S^t Mary's some time ago, you have only 50 Bushells of Corn more to receive of me, which I was ordered to leave at the Saut for the Canoes that go down, except the 40 lately ordered
per M^r M^cBeath

I am &^{ca}

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO MESSRS. TODD AND MCGILL AT
MONTREAL, JUNE 14, 1778

I hear M^r Howard intends sending a Canoe for Montreal to morrow, I will therefore write you as much as time will permit for the present & the remainder by some other opportunity.

I have Received five letters from you this Season, dated the 21st & 28th April, the 9th, 11th & 16th May, the two first I received the 5th & the three latter the 13th Instant, I

⁷⁰ John McGill was a brother of James McGill, and, like him, engaged in the fur trade. He died at Montreal, December 1, 1797, aged fifty-one years. See *Can. Archives Rep.*, 1889, xvii.