

This is my buisy time, I shall therefore conclude by presenting M^{rs} Hay and famely with M^{rs} Askin & my Compliments I am &c.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO JAMES STERLING AT DETROIT,
JUNE 17, 1778

I hope by the time this reaches you that a great part of my things will be arrived from Montreal, & as C^t Robertson says I have empty Kegs at Detroit, I wish as much as time would permit that the Spirits in Barrells all except a few, was drawn into the Kegs & sent forward the first [opportunity], provided the whole cannot come at once, I hope you'll do your utmost to get as much as possible on board each Vessell untill the whole arrives, the Liquors are more wanted than any thing else, except my flour, which I hope is on the way in the Archange. I shall want of that Article what I first ordered, thirty thousand W^t, & as I'm well asured that very large quantities are coming up I imagine the price must soon if not already fall.

I shall want twelve Barrells of good lime, so soon as they can be sent without taking the room of them up, from something more necessary.

I shall want a good Ox for my own use between this and the fall, the sooner you can have him sent the better.

M^{rs} Askin joins in Compliments to M^{rs} Sterling. I am &c

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO MESSRS. MCGILL AND FROBISHER AT
GRAND PORTAGE, JUNE 18, 1778

I have this day received the exact Acc^t of what Liquors belonging to me came up in your or my Canoes. I find that in the former there was belonging to me, five Kegs of Rum & fourteen of Spirits & in the latter Ninety three Kegs of Rum & nine of Spirits, all which I have charged to your Acc^t, as I have given orders to your two Canoes to receive them at S^t Mary's & take the whole, or what they can off them along with the ten Kegs of grease you ordered, least you might want to settle with your men I thought it advisable to send you an Account of what they had for themselves