

Robertson has been detained with my Vessell untill they go off

M^{rs} Askin presents her Compliments to M^{rs} Mc Gill in which I join with all my heart

I am &c.

per Campau

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO MESSRS. TODD AND MCGILL AT
MONTREAL, JUNE 23, 1778

Looking over the letters yet unanswer'd I find yours of the 25th Ult^o to which I made no reply in my Yesterdays letter.

I'm very glad that there is so great a likelihood of my rum arriving so soon, I daily expect the Angelica & the Vessell I sent for the flour here, perhaps my rum may be on board, the Tarr & Kettles are not pressing articles, I can do without them some time, provided the pitch gets safe here, & as to the cheese please repleace it with another Hamper this Year. The Canadian Pork & loaf Sugar which you mention being Short of my order of the 18th Sep^r 1777, I can well do without, but the covering Nails & common Wine are both very Saleable articles, however as there is a large Quantity of the former of these articles comeing or come out for me, it will be needless to purchase others at Montreal.

Old François goes for Detroit he intends living there. I shall send a Young Brother-in-law⁸⁰ of mine to take his place at Millwakee as much on acc^t of the Corn to be got there as the Peltry.

I am under many obligations to you for the Uncommon pains you have been at in order to insure the speedy passage of my things by the Lakes. I will be attentive to what you mention respecting the time of payment of such drafts as I shall draw on You.

I am in such want of Waistcoats & Breeches that I beg you will have immediately purchased for me six or eight

⁸⁰ So the "Young brother-in-law" was evidently either Lavoine or Louison Barthe. No record of his actual residence at Milwaukee has been found.