

I have received the note Merci drew up for you. It is not yet paid. I am sending you his written statement, and it would seem by it that there has been a partnership between Gaudin and La Belle. However, without waiting to see both parties, it is impossible to form a correct opinion in the matter. If Joubert and Gaudin cannot agree between themselves, the quickest way will be for them to come here where they will have a private room to arrange for a settlement.

27th I am having the merchandise carted over to load the vessel in the bay as there is a fine fair wind. She should be at the detour this evening. The corn I am loading lacks 145 minots. Do try to find that much as we must have it for Mr. Oakes and Mr. Chaboillez, unless you have sent them some that you have not mentioned in the account you sent me. In that case it would be that much less you would need to send now.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO CHARLES CHABOILLEZ AT
GRAND PORTAGE

a Mich. Le 27 de juin 1778

Mons^r charle chaBoillie

Mon ami vous me Blamerez peutetre, Cependant Cest sans Raison Car je vous assure je nait jamais seu que hier que vous navez pas Reçuë tout Le Bled que je devois vous fournir soit par La première voyage de La Barque ou biens vos Canot, jespere dont que Les 45 minots qui vous manque seront dans Le second voyage de La Depeyster sinon ils seront dans Le Michilimakina que jay fait partir Ce matin et qui ira Endroiture au grand portage. La Barque qui etoit aller au detroit pour Le Restant de Rom et farine pour La grande société & vous nai pas Encore arrivé Cependant il y a plus de trois semaine quelle est parti. Je nose pas vous envoyer La farine du Roy etant si mauvaise jai Risqué Cependant d'en Envoyer un peu a la grande société comme

after discharging this primary obligation was to be shared among his remaining creditors on a common footing. In other words, the latest outfitter had a preferred claim upon the proceeds of the trade which his supply of goods had rendered possible.