

JOHN ASKIN PAPERS

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO MESSRS. TODD AND MCGILL
AT MONTREAL, JULY 2, 1778

Mons^r Thercy⁹⁰ goes off to day in a light Canoe well maned, which makes me think his passage will be short & you will receive this before several others I wrote you some time ago. I received Yours of the 7th Ult^o & am sorry to hear Beaver is fallen, did I know any certain price I could give for furs, I could have purchased some parcells.

Tho the Vessells from Europe are long acoming, yet I dare say nothing has happened them, it's necessary they now take more precaution than formerly.

M^r Lyons Suffers much by his goods not coming, he is obliged to keep men whose provisions are now very dear, corn will not be had for 30ⁿ in a few days, added to all this had they come up in the Spring he could have Sold them to government, with this I send you the Copy of a Letter I wrote you the 29th Ult^o as also a memord^m for some goods for M^r Lyons & me for the trade at the entrance of the french River, & as there is several things in this Memord^m to be made up at Montreal, it cannot get to you too soon. Three Canoes for me loaded with furs, will set off this evening, or to morrow morning.

I write the N W C^o by this opportunity. I'm so hurried that I can only add that I am &c.
no news of Lorty yett

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO THE NORTH WEST COMPANY
AT MONTREAL, JULY 2, 1778

I wrote you formerly that I had sent a Vessell of mine to Detroit for flour & Rum for you, at her arrival Governor Hamilton did not think proper to suffer any provisions, I mean flour, to leave the Settlement, however a Vessell arriving from Niagara with some provisions & bringing

⁹⁰ Pierre Thierry, born at Montreal in 1750, is characterized in a communication of Governor Sinclair of Mackinac, October 22, 1781, as "Conductor of the King's Canoes." Sinclair speaks of his conduct in terms of commendation. The Mackinac Register of Baptisms (printed in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, XIV) indicates the presence of Thierry at that place at various times down as late as 1804.