

an acc^t that there was great quantities on the way, there was an order published that every person with permission might send what Quantity they thought proper, but this served no great purpose as my Vessell was ordered along side of the Kings & what clothing, Liquors &c. for this Garrison were put on board her, & not only that, but Merchants had permission to put things on board as well as myself. I asked the Master of the Vessell if he represented to the Governor that the Vessell was not in the Service & therefore not subject to carry for every person, he says he did & even mentioned that after he had taken the Kings things on board, he desired that he might make up the rest of the loading with mine, & that the Governor told him I could not have any preference over others. If what he says be true, I really think it a hardship. I imagine Major De Peysters letter to Governor Hamilton explained fully his reasons for letting my Vessell go to Detroit. I dont want there should be any complaints about these matters. I only mean to shew you that I nor no other person in these troublesome times can assure you about Provisions, or anything Else, all I received was four thousand of flour & 48 Kegs of Rum which I dispatched immediately for the Portage. I expect more in a few days, as it comes here I will forward it till I at last get your quantity or more

I am &c.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO MR. PERINAULT⁹¹

a Makina Le 2 juilliette 1778

Mon amy vos Deux Lettre En datte Le 1 et 10 du passe sont arrivez il y a deux jours je vous Remercy des peine que vous prenés de Minformer des nouvelle jespere que votre voute sera bien bon Bien pleine de Bonne Marchandise a Bonne Compositions et apres Cela changé

⁹¹ This letter was written to Perinault (see letter to Messrs. Todd and McGill immediately following). Probably he is the same man as "Joseph Perinault merchant" who acted as godfather at certain baptisms at Mackinac in 1775. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, XIX, 75-76. In a list of traders to Lake Superior, undated but supposed to belong to the year 1786, Perinault's name is included. *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XX, 280. No further information has been found concerning him.