

que vous mavez Envoyez appartenant a Mon^{sr} Salomon
j'ai, Engez Nodisne mais ils n'est pas obligé a hyverner
au saut

je vous ai deja Écrit au sujet Des Marchandize aussitot
une Barque arrive du detroit je vous Envoirai des provisions
et Boison faits Bien de focir il faut Envoyer chercher vos
Chearreause je ne puis pas les Garder Cette hiver jai eu
un lettre de mon pere de miamis ils se porte bien archange
et tout la famille vous EnBrasse

jesuis

Translation

Michilimackinac, July 7, 1778

My dear Brother: There has not been a vessel from Detroit since Mr. Brulon came up. Rum is worth 240 livres a barrel, flour 100 livres a hundredweight, corn 30 livres a bag (Huron hominy), and grease 8 livres a pound.

You will please send me back the anchor I loaned the Indian by the first opportunity. I cannot use the big boat without it. I need also the double tackle I loaned him. I bought all the sails and rigging of Mr. Bostwick's vessel for about 1500 livres. If you need any, you may have them at the same price. Mr. Robertson tells me they are well worth it. One of the two notes you sent me belongs to Mr. Solomon.

I have engaged Nadin but he is not obliged to winter at the Sault.

I wrote you already on the subject of the merchandise. As soon as a vessel arrives from Detroit I shall send you provisions and rum. Be sure to eat good and plenty. You must send for your cart horses. I cannot keep them this winter. I have had a letter from my father⁹⁴ at the Miamis. He is very well. Archange and all the family embrace you.

I am

⁹⁴ Charles Andrew Barthe, father of Mrs. Askin.