

Mademoiselle. I expect Todd from England early & as there will be little to do here, he may probably pay you a visit, taking Madeleine with him.

M^{rs} M^cGill requests M^{rs} Askin with your good self & Family to accept her best Compliments and believe me that I am,

Dear Askin Your affectionate Friend
James M^cGill.

Endorsed: Montreal April the 12th 1786 M^r Jm^s M^cGill
to Jn^o Askin Rec^d May 25th Answ^d 26th Privett

FROM JOHN HECKENWELDER TO JOHN ASKIN

River Huron Apr. 13th 1786

Dear Sir, I was favour'd with Your Letter Yesterday afternoon, and am sorry that I knew nothing before of Your wanting the Petiagers so bad. We will endeavour to have some down by tomorrow Night. Amos Western²⁹ has pitchd upon N^o 14 and I believe the Corn field below the Villiage. I would be glad to know wheither M^r Cornwell might have the Hope to live in next to mine, in which Your Corn is N^o 27. he asked me about it, and I told him that I had understood You intended to keep these 2 Houses to Yourself. I'm sorry the Vessel has such bad luck, and cant come up yet, however it may be soon.

I am Dear Sir

Your Most Obed^t Humb^e Serv^t

John Heckenwelder.

[Askin's writing] Recv^d the 14^h Answ^d same day.

Addressed: M^r John Askin Merch^t at Detroit.

Endorsed: River Huron Apr^l 13th 1786 M^r Heckenwelder
to Jn^o Askin Recv^d y^e 15^h Answ^d same day N^o 6

²⁹ Amos Weston was a blacksmith, who may have come to Detroit from Niagara. In 1787 the report of Major Mathews on land allotments to discharged rangers and loyalists, lists Weston as a "blacksmith, many years with Stedman." See Essex Hist. Soc., *Papers and Addresses*, III, 72. In 1795 Weston was located at Spring Wells, having a house and shop there. He died shortly prior to Aug. 23, 1797, when a letter of administration was issued to John Askin as administrator of his estate. Numerous accounts relative to this matter are preserved among the Askin Papers in the Burton Hist. Coll.