

MORAVIANS REACH CUYAHOGA RIVER

Gajahoga River June 9th 1786

Dear Sir I can now inform You that We all arrived safe at this place Yesterday, and the Vessel the Day before. It was indeed lucky for Us, that We were so ashore by Stony Point and did not attempt to go with so many People on Board for this River, which yet, if a Wind had been but favourable while we were at the Islands; We being Ignorant of the difficulty and Danger, would have gone, and most probably been knocked to pieces, Mr Guthrie indeed deserves much praise for the trouble and care he took, first in making 2 trip's, to the above mentioned Point, and lastly at this place. He will be able to give You the best Description of this River and the Danger in attempting to get in, there being not quite 3 feet Water on the Bar etc: I'm sorry to find that nobody from Fort Pitt is on this River, and that it seems Mr Duncan has not fulfilled his promise as yet, but for what reason I know not. There is a House with about 230 or 40 bags of Flour in it 7 Miles up the River, but neither White person nor Indian to be found about the place, I understand the Flour belongs to Mr Elliot and Colwell. We think of sending Mr Bull off to Fort Pitt to enquire for Mr Duncan and how matters are, since We have also a great deal of Cloathing lodged by our Society at Bethlehem in his hands. You will hear afterwards farther by the first Opportunity. In the mean time I and we all acknowledge all your kind favours to Us, and shall always pray to God to bless You abundantly.

I am Dear sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
John Heckenwelder

Recv^d June 21th*Addressed:* Mr John Askin Merch^t at Detroit

Endorsed: Gajahoga June 9th 1786 Mr Hackenwelder
to Jn^o Askin Recv^d the 21st N^o 11

family of John Askin to Detroit on its removal from Mackinac to this place. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, IX, 605. A letter written by Askin, Sept. 11, 1799, notes that Guthrie was then about to leave Detroit for Canada and Scotland.