

After carrying the *balance* of the Mackinac's account to the credit of J. B. Barthe & C<sup>o</sup> the sum then due by them to John Askin & C<sup>o</sup> would be nearly five thousands; from which, according to the articles of their copartnership, there must be a deduction of thirteen hundred & odd pounds as above stated: in order however to bring the affairs of J. B. Barthe & C<sup>o</sup> to a final conclusion, a matter much wished for both by M<sup>r</sup> Askin & M<sup>r</sup> Barthe; M<sup>r</sup> John Askin has this day agreed before us to accept the sum of Five thousand pounds New York currency, as a full & complete payment of the debt due by J. B. Barthe & C<sup>o</sup> to John Askin & C<sup>o</sup> relinquishing all claim to any share of profits that may have arisen from the trade of J. B. Barthe & C<sup>o</sup> as if the said copartnership never had existed: and, in consideration of this M<sup>r</sup> J. B. Barthe obliges himself to pay the above sum of Five thousand pounds; one-half the 15<sup>th</sup> October next in Montreal, & the other, namely two thousand five hundred pounds, the 15<sup>th</sup> October one thousand seven hundred & eighty-seven: Detroit 22<sup>d</sup> June 1786.

William Robertson  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Finchley

We agree & are fully satisfied with the foregoing mode of terminating the business hitherto in suspense.

John Askin  
J. B<sup>t</sup> Barthe

*Endorsed:* June 21<sup>st</sup> 1786 M<sup>r</sup> Barthe his acknowledgem<sup>t</sup>  
of Owing Jn<sup>o</sup> Askin & C<sup>o</sup> £5000 0 0

#### TRADE CONDITIONS AT DETROIT

Detroit June 22<sup>d</sup> 1786

Dear Friends Your Sundry favours of the 30<sup>th</sup> April & 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May came all to hand Yesterday, and what of them is not Answered by Letters wrote prior to my Receiving these I now mean to do. If none but those who pay their Freights will have a Preferance in the Kings Vessalls others will not Receive any Considerable hurt by it for my part the little I want I would wish in Bateau by