

FROM JOHN HECKENWELDER TO JOHN ASKIN

Gajahaga River July y^e 14th 1786

Dear Sir I suppose You have heard already, that We have settled, and planted a little Corn on this River, and as matters seem as yet not to be cleaverly [clearly] at Rights in the Indian Country, We, I suppose may stay here some time, perhaps at least a Year or two. At present We are pretty much pinched in the Way of Provision, but I hope we will be able to surmount this and other difficulties. We understand, that 2 paquets of Letters for Us, were sent to Detroit by People that took Cattle in for M^r Duncan, and it is likely they are left with Captⁿ Caldwell or at M^eKee. I must beg of You to enquire for them, and send them by the first Opportunity to the Mouth of this River, (where M^r Neil who has the Care of Flower and Your Pork lives). It was not M^r Duncans fault that the Pork was not out in the right time. I suppose he has mentioned all about it to You already. Perhaps I may go in the Fall down in the Country to see my Relations, but am not as yet fully determined on it.⁵⁴

I am Dear Sir, Your most Obed^t Humb^e Servt

John Heckenwelder

recv^d July 26th

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

Endorsed: Gayahaga July 14th 1786 M^r Heckenwelder to Jn^o Askin Recv^d the 26^h & Answ^d y^e 16^h Sep^r N^o 12

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILLIAM ROBERTSON
AND JOHN ASKIN

Memorandum

1. William Robertson agrees that half the profits that may arise from the business transacted in his name during the term of three years, reckoning from the first of July 1784

⁵⁴ Heckenwelder returned to Bethlehem in September, 1786, remaining there until 1801, when he removed to Gnadenhutzen.