

I & Mr. Edward who has the same fever, are now here. There is much Talk among the Indians about War of which they are in Apprehension. May God prevent it & give us peace.

Wishing you health & the Blessing of God I am

Dear Sir your most obd^t & humble Serv^t

DAV. ZEISBERGER

(Mr. John Asking Merch^t)

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

Endorsed: Cayahaga Oct^r 11th 1786 M^r Zeisberger to Jn^o Askin rec^d Dec^r 18th Answ^d

FROM JOHN CORNWALL TO JOHN ASKIN⁵⁶

River Huron 18th Oct^r 1786

Sir I have Delivered M^r Gutrey⁵⁷ as much Corn as he thinks is Surficiant to loade the petiauger the next trip She makes I shall loade her With protaters if You think proper as I have Got the Corn Where it Receives no Damage till Wee Can husk it out please let me know What quantaty of protaters you think proper to leave hear it Will be nessary to have some hear if You mean to plant har the nex year if I Should Stay har I Will plant Double the quantaty as I have this I Will Shell out all my Corn as Soon as it is Dry You Shall have it at the market price as I have nothing to Dispose of to any other person I have Som oake plank and Boards har and timbers that I Got out for a perryauger last Winter it Will make one about the Sise of Dowlers if You Will Buy it I will sell it Verry Reasnable if I Build her I fear I Cant Sell her and I Cant Build her Without I run into Debt for Nails and other artickels Nessary to Build her I Dair Say If You Will You Can have her built hear Cheeper than any Craft of the Sise hes Bin Built at Detroit this Some time past if You Will Want any large Cannows Built this Winter if You Should

⁵⁶ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

⁵⁷ Probably Captain James Guthrie, for whom see *ante*, 246.