

With respect to myself all I can say is that we are well—and as happy as poverty will admit of—Our destination is not announced we hope to remain here another year. Mercer I presume will answer for himself, but if he dont write by the same Ship this goes, be assure[d] he & Phillis are well so are their two girls who are very fine Children especially Charlotte who is remarkably clever.

Adieu my dear Sir mention me in the most friendly terms to M^{rs} Askin whom I respect & esteem, also to Barthe & all friends in Detroit I write to Grant this evening. I am ever with the most sincere regard yours

J Burnet¹

Addressed: M^r John Askin Merchant Detroit Care of Mess^{rs} Todd & M^cGill Montreal

Charges: Ship—11½

Endorsed: Plymouth March 6th 1787 Cap^t Burnett to Jn^o Askin Rec^d July 20th

BILL OF SALE OF JOSIAH CUTTEN²

KNOW all Men by these Presents that I, Elijah Cooper of Williams-town-bay-State, or Boston-State in North America, Farmer & Shoemaker for and in Consideration of the Sum of Thirty two Pound, ten Shillings of lawful Money of the Province of Quebec and one gray Horse, in Hand paid and delivered to me, by John Turner of Montreal in the said Province, Merchant, at and before the sealing and delivery of these Presents, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge—HAVE bargained, sold, released, granted and confirmed, and by these Presents DO, and doth bargain, sell,

¹ John Burnet was commissioned a lieutenant in 1764, and in 1768 was appointed to the Eighth Regiment. Portions of this regiment served under De Peyster at Mackinac and Detroit throughout the entire period of the Revolution, and it may be inferred that Burnet thus served at the two posts. Documents in the *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XIX, 535 and XX, 55, show that he was at Detroit in 1780 and 1782.

² For the later career of Cutten see *post*, 410, where his name appears as Joseph Cotton.