

Addressed: Mr. John Askin Merchant of Detroit Detroit.

FROM CHARLES MORISON TO JOHN ASKIN

Michilimakinac 15th June 1789

Dear Askin Your very much esteemed favour of the 28th March I received the 19th April, Which was much latter than we expected, Owing to Our express being so long detained at your Post for the letters from below.

I must beg leave to offer my most sincere thanks to you & all your good fameily for theire attention & kind sentiments, on hearing of the reēstablishment of my health. I do most sincerely assure you & them all, that I am very proud of theire friendship, because I am convinced it is sincere, And should be exceeding happy to have it in my Power to convince them, that theire friendship & civilities is not thrown a way on an ungrateful Person.

I am sorry to find there is such a General scarcity of Provisions at all the Posts, especially at yours, as it will affect this place very much when the crowd comes in. For at present there is neither a bushel of corn nor an hundred weight of flour to be had at this place at any price; the crop of Indian Corn having failed among the Indians last year as well as in other Places. The Garrison Baker (the only one in the place) has now liberty from the commanding Officer to sell his bread at 4/ a loaf. This scarcity of Provisions has induced me to purchase from the troops about 15 hundred weight of Salt Pork, which I expect to turn into Skins or money in the course of this summer.

The Winter here has been very severe & long, the Ise only begun to give way the 25th April. The Garrison &c has been very healthy.

I have lately joined with Mr John Barthe in a small Adventure to Lake Superior, the conditions are. I to furnish

proffer of peace to the tribes residing along the Wabash and at the headwaters of the Maumee. Gamelin's mission proved futile, but his journal of it has several times been printed.