

That the Said John Askin binds & Obliges himself to furnish & deliver to the Order of the Said North West Company, on board any Vessell laying before the Fort of Detroit, Yearly, for three Successive Years, to Commence in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety Three; Six Hundred Bushels of Merchantable Hulled Indian Corn, and Twelve Thousand Pounds french Weight of Flour, also good & Merchantable; the One Half of each of said quantities to be ready by the first day of May, the other Half by the Twentieth day of June of Each of Said Three Years, and delivered on Board free of Expence to the Company, They furnishing him with the Bags necessary to Contain the Same.

In Consideration of the Delivery of Said Corn & Flour at the different Periods above mention'd the Said Daniel Sutherland for the North West Company bind & oblige themselves to pay unto the Said John Askin or his Order, the Neat Sum of Twelve Shillings New York Currency for each Bushel of Corn french Measure, and Thirty Five Shillings said Currency P Cw^t french or 108^w English Weight of Flour so delivered: Payable in Montreal, the Tenth day of October in Each Year of Said Delivery as aforesaid.

And for the True & faithfull Performance of all the foregoing Articles, Each party bind themselves in the Penal sum of Four Hundred pounds New York Currency, to be paid by the Party failing, to the Party performing or Willing to perform the Same.

IN WITNESS whereof We have hereunto Set our Hands & Seals at Detroit this Sixth day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety One.

failed to pay financially and in 1815 was sold at a heavy loss. A year or two later Sutherland obtained the lucrative office of deputy postmaster general of British North America, which he continued to hold until 1827. During much of this period he was also active in the affairs of the Bank of Montreal and cashier of its Quebec branch, to which city he had removed on receiving his appointment as deputy postmaster general. He was still living in Quebec in 1831, when the golden anniversary of his wedding was celebrated. See *Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal*, Third Series, III, 173-80.