

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO WILLIAM ROBERTSON

Detroit June 24^h 1793

Dear Sir, I had the pleasure of Receving your Favour dated the 31 Jan^y as also the joint Letter you wrote your Brother & me with one to myself Annexed. I can Assure you it Affords my Family & Self much Satisfaction to learn that you were in good health & we beg leave to Express the Gratefull Sen[s]e we have to your Friendship, & Attatchment not only to Ourselves but to all our Connections where ever you meet them. The Supplying of y^e Garrison of Mich and this with provisions will be of great advantage to your Brother & me & I have Reason to think will in some time make a favour^{ble} Change in my Affairs and for which I will always consider Myself Indebted to you & M^r Todd there is no manner of doubt but we could Even now furnish Beef throughout the Summer Season for 8^d N.Y^k Cur^e p^r ct as often as y^e troops could want it (which may be three days in the week) and could we be allowed for y^e fresh Rations what Government makes Artificers pay vit 10½^d Half^x we would make very handsomely by it, as y^r Brother & I will write a joint Letter on this Subject its unnesseracy for me to say more. I have been Uncommonly unlucky in my Returns from y^e Indⁿ Country this Year & those who make many packs paid too much for them. Little News you may well Suppose in our Country. There is some Quakers & others now here¹⁰ waiting y^e Arrival of y^e three American Commissioners from Niagara to go with them to y^e Indian Council to be held at Sandusky. My private oppinion is that no Peace between the Americn and Indians will take plaice for Imprudently some American Troops are said to be advancing in y^e mean time, if so I should not think the Commissionairs Safe you Know the dispossition of Indians. I'm always verry troublesome to you with Small Memorandums which take up your time & give no profit, will you be so Kind as to Excuse my sending you one now. I have got a pretty large stock of Cattle most[ly] my own Rearing &

¹⁰ The allusion is to the Quaker peace delegation whose experience and activities are recorded in Jacob Lindley's Journal, reprinted in *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XVII, 565-66.