

Married is cured of the principal fault I Ever Knew him to have, he has no family & therefore lives at very little Ex-
pence, but the Indian Trade alone in its present State affords
a poor livelyhood for any person.

The Only News in this Quarter is the Indians being as-
sembled near Sandusky to treat with the American Com-
missionairs who have been long since at Niagara & who I
realy believe will not come farther or if they did that it
would not answer any purpose, for what they want the
Indians never will agree to. however I believe they would
consent to a new line if the latter would let them have
near y^e Miamis Town. All my Family Enjoy good health
as does the Commodore & other of your Acquaintances.
M^{rs} Askin & Theresse joins in every wish that may tend to
your Happiness

Adieu My Dear Sir Yours,

(Signed) John Askin

Endorsed: Detroit July 9 1793 From M^r Jn^o Askin to
M^r Issac Todd in London

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SALE OF CATTLE FOR GOVERNMENT USE

Detroit July 17th 1793.

Sir I received a line from you last night which requires
no answer. The intent of this is to beg of you to wait on
Conolel M^c Kee & request that he would be so kind as to
have the Oxen I sent out Estimated and grant Certificates
for their weight of which there must be three of the same tenor
and date, please observe to him or those who value them
that as I cannot get either hide Tallow or Offals, I hope
these will be considered at east as a fifth Quarter which is
the case always. My reason for wanting the Certificates
so soon is in order to settle with Captain Elliot from whom
I had most part of the Cattle, and give him a draft in
payment which I would wish to do on those who draw
the Money below

I am Sir &c

John Askin