

29<sup>th</sup> The first Indians Arived from the Other Side in a Canoe planted Onions for seed, also Beans Squash seed & Cucumbers

30<sup>th</sup> Sowed onion & Spinage Seed

May 1<sup>st</sup> the land Gate Shutt

2<sup>d</sup> began to plow a very hard frost this Night, & a strong West Wind

3<sup>d</sup> Cold Weather frost & Snow more than Common at this Season

Agreed with Elizabeth Staniford yesterday for my Washing & all my familys—for 8/ N.Y. C per week

1774 May the 4<sup>th</sup>

Continued plowing & setting Potatoes the Weather more Moderate

5<sup>th</sup> More potatoes Sett

6<sup>th</sup> Sowed Pease & sett potatoes several Showers of Snow to day. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lyons<sup>38</sup> & Oakes<sup>39</sup> arrived from a Hunting Party an Indian Canoe came from the opposite side

7<sup>th</sup> Sowed Oates & sett Potatoes fair Weather Westerly Wind

8<sup>th</sup> Hired Chabotte from this day to the arrival of the Cos Canoes from the G Portage<sup>40</sup> for 100<sup>ls</sup> in pel[try]: or 200<sup>ls</sup> in Montreal also 1 p<sup>r</sup> Trowsers a Shirt & pair of Legons. he Obliges himself dureing s<sup>d</sup> time to work faithfull whither on a Voyage or Otherwise Employed

his death she married (1751) François Louis Cardinal, royal notary in the closing years of the French period. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, XVIII, 140 and 470. A son of the former marriage was Joseph Louis Ainsie, born May 1, 1744, whose career is sketched *post*, 69. We are unable to identify the Mrs. Ainsie here mentioned, but in view of her trading activities there is some reason for supposing her to be the Sarah Ainsie whose career is noted *post*, 194.

38 Benjamin Lyon was for a time a partner of Askin at Mackinac. Apparently this place was his permanent residence, for in 1787 he signed a petition to Captain Scott in the capacity of merchant and trader at Mackinac, and as late as July 28, 1800, his name is recorded as a witness in the Register of marriages at that place.

39 Forrest Oakes came to Mackinac as early as 1769, and figures prominently in Dr. Daniel Morison's journal of misdeeds at that post. See *ms.* in Burton Hist. Coll. In May, 1780, and in April, 1781, he signed memorials of protest to General Haldimand as one of a group of traders to Grand Portage and the Northwest. *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, IX, 550-52 and XIX, 620-21. In the latter document he is described as a "merchant of Montreal."

40 Grand Portage, at the western end of Lake Superior, for which see *post*, 74.