

Provisions. young Mr Pratt³² (tho not I dare say Intentionally) has contracted Colonel England's Intention of getting the Provisions forwarded as soon as possible, & Indeed Wee want them much, I mean the garrison of which no doubt you are Acquainted. It's a matter of no Signification your shipping what you did of mine on Board the Nancy, Indeed It's very proper at all Events as it was Our promise. I believe I will send back the Saguinah if She arrives soon in Order to help up Provisions If I find you have more than the King's Vessels can carry however much depends on the time of her arrival here

I am Sir Your most ob^t Humbl^e Ser^t

(Signed) John Askin
see over

P. S. the goods from the Nancy & Chippewa are not yet unloaded

[On reverse side of sheet] Mr Mills says you only shipt 8 Boxes of Shott for me, the other articles are right

Addressed: John Warren³³ Esq^r Fort Erie

Endorsed: Detroit Nov^r 3, 95 John Askin To John Warren Esq^r Fort Erie (Copy)

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO THOMAS CLARKE

Detroit Nov^r 3^d 1795

Dear Sir Your favour of the 13th of Oct^r Reached me two Days ago covering Mr Hamilton's a/c with me, Ballance my favour £15-2-2 NYC. I have regulated my Books accord^{ly} therefore we will in future set off from that Ballance. I propose Sending back the *Saguinet* if She arrives here soon. Should not Government get up all the Flour they may have at F^t Erie I should think you Could Borrow 50

³² Apparently a son of Capt. Robert Pratt of the Fifth Regiment, who was at this time commandant of Fort Erie. A pleasing glimpse of Pratt's domestic establishment is afforded by General Benjamin Lincoln. See *Simcoe Papers*, II, 27, *et passim*.

³³ John Warren was engaged in trade at Fort Erie as early as 1780. His name occurs frequently in the Askin Papers. In the War of 1812 he served as lieutenant colonel of militia in the Niagara District, and was one of the commanders of the force that burned Buffalo in the summer of 1813.