

Parkes¹¹ two Letters, dated the 29th Oct^r & 8th of Dec^r last, as also your favours of the 9th of Dec^r & 3^d of Jan^y, M^r Parks mention that the thread charged for making of Bags was 17/4, it may be so in his books, but in the acc^t he sent me it is but 5/8 & that's the reason why I wrote him there was a small Error in that Article. I return him many thanks for his care of my Liquors & other things that arrive at Detroit for me. I beg you'll be so kind as to continue, as I have no other in your Quarter that I can so well require such a favour off, & as I know it must be attended with cost & loss of time I will pay both most willingly, I here inclose you a list of all the things I have on the way between Montreal & your Post & I beg on the arrival of each Vessell you will have some person of trust to attend the unloading & immediately take charge of mine, if such a person was to cost three Dollars a Day for that time, it would be better than have my effects embezeled.

Please send me two Doz. of good common Chairs by the first oppertunity, if the Sugar with you has not been sold for 2/ per lb as I wrote M^r Parke, it is worth that here at least, therefore I should be glad to have it. I hope you will at least be able to procure the greater part of the Corn & Flour I ordered & much of the former hulled, a Disapointment in these articles would in part knock up the North Trade & I assure you if less than three or four Vessells load of these things arrive this Season, some persons in that back country will perish & the trade be hurt, there is little or no dependance to be put on the grain that's to be got this way.

¹¹ William Park was for a long time a partner of George Meldrum in the firm of Meldrum and Park at Detroit. Subsequent to the American occupation Park crossed the river and made his home at Petite Côte (below modern Sandwich). He there continued in trade; the partnership with Meldrum seems to have been dissolved about the year 1803, but years passed before the accounts and debts of the firm were settled. Park was a man of local influence, as shown by the fact that he was a justice at Detroit and a captain of militia after his removal to the Canadian side. In 1789 he married Therese Gouin, daughter of Claude Jean Gouin and Mary Joseph Cuillerier *dit* Beaubien, who was born at Detroit, July 18, 1765. He was buried at Sandwich, from the home of Richard Pattinson, Oct. 4, 1811. Mrs. Park was buried there, August 19, 1814. Information collected from mss. in the Burton Hist. Coll.