

M^{rs} Askin & I once thought before now to have had the pleasure of being Settled near you, but these troubles obliges us to determin not to leave this place untill there is a peace. I have even began to make a tolerable good House two Story high, however if the warr ends soon, perhaps I may not finish it in the manner I intended. If I conveniently can I will make one Trip to Detroit this season to see you. M^{rs} Askin & the Children are well, she joins in most sincere wishes for you M^{rs} Grant & Famelies wellfare.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO SAMPSON FLEMING²⁸ AT DETROIT,
APRIL 28, 1778

I was favoured with your two Letters dated the 28th Oct^r last in February, also that dated in Dec^r, but your last dated the 2^d January I received in nineteen days after, this is fullfilling the Scripture, the 1st last & the last first. Respecting the Provisions wanting in Cap^t Ferrins²⁹ Cargo last fall, I only mentioned it to you that you might know the affair, not that I expect you can get any from him to replace it, nor do I require any from you. I realy believe the man is very honest, but perhaps not so Sharp that others may not cheat him, for the future I realy will send a man on Board to give a Receipt for each Boat load before they push off from the Vessell side.

I will follow Your advice & not have any Provisions Actually Condemned, untill I see when we can get others, however what is not fit for Serving I shall lay one side, our flour is realy very bad, if what you sent had reached us it

²⁸ Sampson Fleming had been Deputy Commissary of Stores and Provisions at Detroit since 1762 (for his appointment see *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XIX, 128-29). On June 17, 1768, he married at Detroit, Alice Haliburton, whose father had served as a chaplain in the British army, with which he came to America about the year 1758. Her mother, by a second marriage, became the mother of John Kinzie, of early Chicago fame; she subsequently married (third) William Forsyth of Detroit, for whom see *post*, 307. The Flemings removed to New York from Detroit. There Fleming died and his widow married Nicholas Low. Her descendants have long been prominent in New York City. Information adapted from Forsyth-Kinzie-Little genealogy by C. M. Burton (ms. in Burton Hist. Coll.) and other sources.

²⁹ Captain William Ferrin, who in a general return of the naval establishment on the upper lakes, January 1, 1779, is listed as commander of the sloop *Angelica*. Printed in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, XI, 200.