

Martins, Mogisins &c M^{rs} Askin presents her Compliments to M^{rs} Sterling.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO NATHANIEL DAY AT MONTREAL,
MAY 8, 1778

The last oppertunity I had [of] writing you last fall was the 21st of Oct^r which accompanied two setts of Vouchers as well as the Returns for Issues & Expenditures to the 24th of that month. I now send you the like Vouchers & Returns from that time to the 24th of last month, there has not been any Provision Condemned here since the 24th of Dec^r last, owing to my Commanding Officers thinking it prudent even to keep the bad untill more comes up, or is on the way, this method I'm informed is also followed at Detroit. however to prevent your counting on bad Provisions, I think it necessary to inform you that there is about nine Barrells of Flour, Six of Pork & two Firkins of Butter put apart as unfitt to be Issued to the Troops.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO JOHN HAY AT DETROIT,
MAY 8, 1778

I wrote you the 27th of last month which letter also goes by this oppertunity, the 2^d Instant I was favoured with your kind Letter by Lieut. Bennett & tho it dont bring me any Public news, it's not less wellcome, that of a friend & famelies wellfare is great & pleasing News. I have attentively looked over the acc^t of the manner in which you pass your time, & if it was not the hopes that it will soon end, I dare say no Reward could induce any person to undertake it. To serve a man's King & Country is a pleasing task, however Nature requires some rest & without which she will sink under her Burthen.

I will do my utmost endeavours to pay you a Visitt this Summer, tho' it will be a Short one. M^{rs} Robertson a Young Sailor goes with her husband this trip to see Detroit.

I'm sorry for the loss of your Seventh Son, tho' in all