

I wish you could hire one for me at any Rate. Lieu^t Brooks⁴⁰ likewise wants a Tierce of Bristol Beer (not Porter) & a Cheshire Cheese, both which please direct for him & send forward. I write you as these Gentlemen Speak to me, & tho these orders are but trifling, yett as they may be an Introduction to more I make no doubt you'll not neglect sending them.

Inclosed is an acc^t of some things for Kitty with directions at Bottom, please send a Seperate Acc^t of them.

The Officers & Docter just now inform me that they have fallen on another method to get their things altogether, therefore desire I may desire You not to take any notice of what I wrote you in this Letter about sending them things.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO SAMPSON FLEMING AT DETROIT,
MAY 10, 1778

You will receive this and another I wrote some time ago both by Cap^t Robertson who Maj^r De Peyster sends to Detroit on the Kings account, this present letter is in answer to one you intended to have wrote me by M^r Bennett if you had not forgot. I'm glad to hear you have got so fine a boy & I beg you will not kill him with d-m-d Physick, you have no such right over him, it's sufficient you shorten your own Days if report may be depended on, he neither now, nor ever will in all probabillity want a Doctor. If I hear any more of your tampering with him & M^{rs} Fleming permits me, I will go down & take him from you.

I hear you have an oppertunity of making money & I should not be surprized you did not make use of it from a mistaken notion of people in the Service being obliged to live on their pay, dont Injure your famely so much. Your

⁴⁰ Lieutenant R. B. Brooke of the Eighth Regiment. He was at Mackinac in 1780 when Governor Sinclair assumed command of the garrison and engaged in a series of violent disputes with various individuals. One consequence of these disputes was the ordering of one company from Mackinac to Detroit; apparently Brooke went with it, for he was stationed there in 1782 and 1783. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*, especially documents in Vols. IX, X, and XI. In December, 1783, when the *Faith*, *Hope*, and *Angelica* were wrecked on Lake Erie, the efforts of Lieutenant Brooke to save the cargoes were commended by Colonel De Peyster. Brooke was still a lieutenant of the Eighth Regiment in 1790, after which his name disappears from the army list.