

Fall fleet, to make Arrangements for the Reception of a very Considerable number expected in the Spring. They are now at Kingston where they purpose remaining for the Winter. By a Letter from the house of our much Respected freind M^r Buckwood I learn that they have Lodged for the Count a Credit in Quebec of £5000 NewY. I hope the others may be as well provided. I have now to Wait on you with M^{rs} Hamiltons best Wishes Joined to mine that Health & Happiness may be the portion of you & yours for the following & for many ensuing Winters.

I am Dear Sir

Your very Affect. freind & very hum. Servt

R. Hamilton

John Askin Esquire

Queenston Nov. 7. 1798.

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Merchant Detroit.

Endorsed: Queenston Nov^r the 7th 98 M^r Rob^t Hamilton to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 26^h Answ^d Dec^r 29^h

CONTRACT TO BUILD SAILING VESSEL

(L. S.) Be it remembered that on this day, ninth of November, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety eight, it is agreed between John Askin Esquire, of Detroit, Merchant, and William Daly, of Detroit, Ship Carpenter, in manner and form following, To wit, the Said William Daly for the Consideration hereafter mentioned doth for himself, his Heirs, Executors, and administrators covenant with the Said John Askin, his Executors, administrators, and Assigns, that he the Said William Daly shall and will, against the fifteenth of may next ensuing the date hereof, in good and workmanlike manner, and according to the best of his Knowledge and Skill, well and Substantialy build and finish a vessel of Twelve Tons burthen: that he Shall furnish all the materials whatever at his proper cost and expence: that the Said vessell shall be builded of white oak; shall have her mast and bowspritts fixed: Shall have a Small Cabin with Two births and Two lights, and that her dimensions Shall be agreeable to a memorandum Signed & delivered by the Said John Askin to the Said William Daly.