

an Answer he told me no; that he had wrote to you Some time ago, and had fully Satisfied you about the Corn which will be Sent down in the Spring as soon as the Vessel Arrives. there has been no Traders there this Season therefore I apprehend there will be no difficulty in collecting all your Corn.

I must inform you that my wife was Cast away near the Belle River and Lost all she had except the Cyder. I cannot procure either a Boat or a Canoe to take your Corn down, and the Season is so far advanced that it is dangerous to take down a Load. I hope therefore you will condescend to wait till the Spring.

The Letter you Sent to W. Jackman I have Sent you enclosed. his Brother thinks you will find a better opportunity of Sending it from Detroit, than he could from the River Thames. You will be pleased to Address it to Mr Will^m Jackman living on Cooks Run near the Mouth of Little Redstone; Fayette County, State of Pennsylvania.

There is considerable Trade to be made with the Indians, there being no Trader within 12 Miles of this place

I would like to have half a piece of Stroud and a proportionable quantity of other Articles Suitable, likewise a Barrel of Spirits. I Shall not trust a farthing and what remains unsold I will return. I have Sold some Cyder but the Indians will not buy it while they can get Whiskey, neither will they buy whiskey when they can get Rum.

If you can Supply me with the above articles (which I hope I will be able to pay you for without any difficulty) please to let me know by the Bearer John Kennedy who intends to put up at Carpenters

I remain your Humb^{le} and Ob^t Serv^t

Hugh Holmes⁵⁹

Mr Askin

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Merchant Detroit

Endorsed: River Thames Nov^r 15^h 1798 Mr Hugh Holmes to Jn^o Askin recv^d & Answ^d y^e 17th

⁵⁹ Hugh Holmes was living at the Thames River settlement in January, 1791, when his name was included in the list of disbanded loyalists claiming lands in the District of Hesse, in report of the Land Committee upon this subject. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XXIV, 178. In