

JOHN ASKIN PAPERS

OVERSIGHT OF CONTRACT FOR SAILING VESSEL

River Thames Nov^r 22^d, 1798

Jn^o Askin Esq^r

Sir, I rec^d your kind favor of the 13th Ins^t I would Comply with it's Contents with the Greatest pleasure had it been in my power, But your Master Builder took Care for to go One hundred miles from you, for to perform his Contract. I am told that he is to Build your Vessel at the pinerry which is Sixty miles from my place. however I shall do all that lies in my power for to inform myself of his proceeding during the Course of the winter.

I remain Sir Your Most hum^{ble} & Most Obed^t Ser^t

John Drake

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Merch^t Detroit

Endorsed: river à Tranche Nov^r 22^d 1798. Cap^t Drake to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 3^d Dec^r. Answ^d y^e 7th

TUITION CHARGES OF MATTHEW DONOVAN

1798

Mr John Askin

To Matthew Donovan D^r⁶⁰

	£	s
To the Tuition of His Son Charles from the Beginning of January to the first of September	8"	0" 0
To the Tuition of James, Alick, & Alick Grant from the first of January to the 15 th of Novemb ^r	31"	10" 0
N.Y. Cur ^{ry}	39"	10" 0
C ^r By Cash Received	8"	0" 0
Balance due	31"	10" 0

Detroit Nov^r 23^d 1798

1799 he was in debt to John Askin, who procured the issuance of a warrant for his arrest and incarceration in Sandwich, but being "luckily" absent from home when the officers called, he escaped this humiliation. See documents in Askin papers, *passim*. Either he or another of the same name was a schoolmaster in Detroit in 1790 and for several years thereafter.

60 Matthew Donovan was an early schoolmaster of Kingston (from 1788 to 1792), where he is described in a letter of Rev. John Stuart as "an Irishman, an excellent Latin