

received the Tea I cannot tell. One M^r W^m Daily has been here; he tells me, that he is a going to build a small Vessel for you this Winter, above us at the Pinery. he further told me, that he will be down with the Vessel early in the Spring by the first Flood, and then your Corn can be put in the Vessel. he will carry it to Detroit to you for 18 Pence p^r Bushel. If the man is to be dependit on, it would be the safest Way for you, getting your Corn in Time; but if not, I see no other Way, but that you send a small Vessel or large Boat early in the Spring. our People will bring it down near the Mouth of the River to the Vessel for one Shilling p^r Buhl, which they always received from our Town to M^r Dolsens Place; with there small Canows they do not like to venture over the Lake with so much Corn, as it is dangerous by Stormy Weather; the Amount what you have to get; comes to about 460 Buhl. at 6/ p^r Bushl. I have taken the Pain of making an exact Calculation of every ones Debt, what Quantity of Corn he has to pay at six Shil^s p^r Buhl. and I shall be circumspect about it, that all shall be payed.

I have only to add that I am with much Esteem Dear Sir

Your most obed^t & very hum^{be} Serv^t

G Senseman

p Excuse Errors I wrote in hast.

Addressed: M^r John Askin Esq^r Detroit P^r Favor of M^r M. Dolsen at Dover

Endorsed: Fairfield Dec^r 1 1798 The Reverand M^r Senseman to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 10th Answ^d same day.

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO JOHN ANDERSON

Detroit 3^d decembr^r 98

Dear Sir Your favor of the 20 reached me a few days ago & that of the 28 Instant now. I think I have been fortunate enough to get a promise of 4 Barrells high wines for you at 20/ the Gallon as this will admit of one Gallon of water to 2 of liquor & be very strong Rum⁶⁴ it will reduce

⁶⁴ It was practically universal in the Indian trade to dilute with water the liquor sold the red men. The proportion of water added varied with the circumstances of the given case; commonly it was much greater than Askin here proposes.