

mistaken for I have never tried, but left the Shirrif & his deputies to do their duty. my Brother in law M^r Barthe will be the bearer of this. Should you promise Derineau's return to this place in the Vessel by this trip or he and the Crew Sign the proposed Note, In either cases I promise you I will desist from all pursuit against him for the present, or untill the time given is elapsed.

Endorsed: Detroit 30 May 1799 John Askin to Captain Gilkison Copy

INDEBTEDNESS OF LOUIS DERINEAU

Detroit 30 May '99

M^r Louis Derineau It is in vain for you to endeavour to escape me whether at Michilimackinack, S^t Marys, or the grand portage, I will have you taken, unless you give bail to Stand trial, or agree to the following conditions. that is to say, you, and the rest of the Crew, Sign a Note which I send for that purpose, that you will in the Course of this summer, pay me £40 New York Currency, with the costs & Charges I have been at in prosecuting you to the present time, which are however very trifling as yet, but that will no longer be the case, if I am obliged to bring you from any of the above mentioned places. I could have had you taken in the Winter, and this Spring by Sam who worked with you, but I would not have any of my People deputized for that purpose, though often proposed to me by the Sherriff. but now you have left the Country I am Justifiable in employing any Man I choose, and Surely you cannot Know who I may employ, and be on your guard against every Stranger; therefore there is no Safety for you unless you give Security for Standing trial, or agree to the foregoing Conditions. I am willing to take the Captain of the Vessell's word for your appearance, as I mean to injure neither you or the Service you are in. I only Seek a Small recompence for a great injury you have done me, and that, I am determined to have. I have requested M^r Barthe to go on Board and take the proposed Security which If you do not comply with, will be the last offer of the kind you ever will have of me