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Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 6^h July Answ^d y^e 8th

TIMBERS FOR FORT MALDEN

Amherstburgh June 30^h 1799

Sir I received your Letter of the 26th Inst^t It is not a Matter of Great Moment if the Large Saw Logs do not come down this year, as they cannot arrive time enough, for any Service they Might have been applied to, had they been here by this time. If you can bring down any of the Shorter ones, without going to any additional expence, of hewing or hauling, I wish you to do it. if not let them remain untill next winter, when perhaps the Season may be more favourable.

I am Sir your most obedient very Humble Servant

Thomas Reynolds

John Askin Esquire &c &c &c Detroit.

MOVEMENTS OF PETER RICHARDS

Amherstburg 1st July 1799

Sir yours of the 30th came to hand & by the Bearer of this I am sorry to her that Peiter Richards is absent from grose point. he was sent From amherstburg last wedensday to build a Chimney at Commodore Grants as the man tould Me but if you apharhend he has any notion of dirchasion [desertion] please to sackure him till he is Sent for he received from Mr Reynolds unknou to me three months pay I have reported Him to the Commandant but saposd he is spndeing the monney in detroit. Sir I houp you will have the goodnes to answar this when Convineant

your most obedn^t humble Servt,

James Fleet L^t⁵⁶ M. D.

John Askins Esq^r Merchant of Detroit

⁵⁶ James Fleet, lieutenant in the marine department, was in the naval service on the upper lakes from about the year 1780. In October, 1805, the *Hope*, while under his command was wrecked near St. Joseph Island in Lake Huron. Before the board of inquiry which investigated the affair, Lieutenant Cowan testified that for twenty-five years Fleet had commonly had sole charge of the naval service on the lakes in winter, and had performed his duty satisfactorily. Fleet himself stated that prior to his service on the lakes he had spent seven years aboard a man of war. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XX, and XXIII, *passim*.