

be done all in one Draft. hoping this will arrive soon and
your answer in return will be pleasing to D^r Sir

Yours

W^m Harffy

Friday night in a great hurry and at 10 o'clock Sep^r 27
1799

recv^d y^e 28^h

Addressed: Jn^o Askin Esq^r, Merc^t, Detroit

Endorsed: Malden Sep^r 27^h 1799 Doctor Harffy to Jn^o
Askin recv^d y^e 28^h Answ^d y^e 9^h Oct^r

AFFAIRS IN IRELAND

London, Sep^r 29^h 1799

My dear Sir, It is long since I did my self the pleasure to address you, but the only excuse I have to offer for my apparent neglect is the very active and uncertain situation which for a length of time has attended mein Ireland where my services have been for three Years perfectly on the alert—which really so deranged our ideas that our Friends as it were became a secundary consideration. this you will excuse in a Military man who has been so buffeted about as your humble servant. however it was always a consolation for me to know that my dearest Archange never failed to embrace such occasions as presented themselves of writing as often as possible—but we are sorry to understand for Certain that three of her letters have been carried to a French Port, a Mortifying circumstance not only to us, but to the owners of a Nice Vessell which saild for York from the Cove of Cork. thank God I have weathered the storm thus far and after battleing with the French and Rebels in Ireland in almost all the Actions without any material injury but the loss of some Teeth, we are once more returned to old England enjoying very good health. My good fortune has led me to fall to a Company at Woolwich. in consequence of an Augmentation of the Regiment, I am not certain how long I may remain there but I trust at least for this Winter & next Spring—as the whole of our force for the Expedition to the Continent have Saild—and already several brave fellows of them have fall'n by the