

You will take any grain M^r Wisewell⁸⁷ may have to ship in preferance to any other but you must not be detained above one day to wait for any Freight, unless it would make a difference of 8 Dollars or more, but if any wishes you to wait a few days for Freight, & with the Freight they give will make it Equal to 8 dollars a day, you may stay in that case a few days

Please let M^r Traxellar know I had a soar Hand & therefore could not write him

Endorsed: Instructions to M^r W^m Thorn (Copy)
Detroit October 26. 1799

SUPPLIES FOR FORT MALDEN

Dear Sir, I am at M^r M^cintosh's so far on my way to see you but the River, and the over hospitallity of M^r Jam^s M^cintosh⁸⁸ will not let me over, [n]or can I get a Canoe. that being the case, and as I must return in the morn^g, I will on paper mention the purport of my intended Visit. from what I could learn from M^r Grant, you seem much dissatisfied in not geting the Bills from M^r Reynolds. it must *appear* to you that *I* have not acted according to your wishes, as his expression are poor man he is very unhappy in being so treated, as you have heard that the *Cedar Timber* was paid for, and not deliverd, then why not yours. in the first place the *Cedar is not paid* for, altho almost the whole hath been deliver'd. to assist the men Fifty pounds was advanced but not a farthing more at this date Oct^r 28th. Various times I have spoke to M^r R on the Business, but could not get a final answer. I have at last push'd him. he has promised to give a draft for the Bricks (as he has a return of the number from Shaw) to go by the *Nancy*, and altho I must appear to be inattentive to you my Good Sir, I hope to finish [the] matter with M^r

87 Oliver Wiswell was in Detroit as early as 1799, in which year he was living in the Rouge River settlement and stood as candidate for election to the General Assembly of the Northwest Territory from Wayne County. In 1803 his land on the Rouge was sold at sheriff's sale to gratify a judgment obtained against him. The document attesting this transaction speaks of him as "late" of Wayne County. See Sibley papers, *passim*.

88 For James McIntosh, see *B. H. R.*, I, 308. The present document shows that he carried out the intention, there noted, of removing to the south side of the river following the American occupation of Detroit.