

Backwell about the wood by that time. Men of the Garrison it is impossible to get to assist in taking up the wood. shall I hire some if I can bring it about. to whom shall the Bills be address'd. a story pathetically told, tells well. however whether I have neglected your interest, or not, I know the integrity of my heart, and we are all liable to failings, some wilfully, some accidentally, and some from what the human mind cannot foresee or avert. Nothing as I have said above but the want of a Canoe prevented my seeing you.

Billiet says he will do all the work, with [will] bring the materials and all to the house, as you have been his great Friend for £24.

I remain D^r Sir ever at your service your oblige'd

W^m Harffy

Sandwich

Oct^r 28th 7 o'Clock at night. I really am sorry that the Harpsichord was put in M^r Grant's Boat, for he *talks about it*, "Gods *how he talks about it*"

Cap^t Allan⁸⁹ has paid for the tiles. shall I give the sawyers the mony. he says that he has not received the spirits.

Addressed: Jn^o Askin Esq^r Detroit Oct^r 28th
M^r. Donovan will please forward this letter on receipt

Jm I [James McIntosh]

Endorsed: Oct^r 28^h 1799 Doctor Harffy to Jn^o Askin
Answ^d

SUPPLIES FOR FORT MALDEN

Dear Sir, I understand by Capt Grant, that you have lately received *two* letters from him, about M^r Reynolds, he certainly is the most extraordinary man existent. I will not mention any thing about the wood that the Commadore has explain'd. in regard to the *Bricks* he promised to give a Bill, when I call'd yesterday for it. what will you say, when I ask'd for it, he said he did *not* know the price, or the *quantity deliver'd*, altho he told me before he had got

⁸⁹ James Allan, for whom see *ibid.*, 307.