

the number of Thousands from even *Shaw* himself. what strange conduct. I suppose from all this he wishes not to draw. As I am well convinced this letter will be with you soon be pleased to send down the *price* & the quantity, that he may be for once in his life obliged to draw contrary to his will this is taken up by Cap<sup>t</sup> Caulwells, who will return I believe immediately. I received your letter Yesterday, and thank you for the News. can I get 3000 more bricks if I send for them, or if you think of sending down your own can they be put into the same Vessel

I am yours

W<sup>m</sup> Harffy

Saturday morn<sup>g</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1799

*Addressed:* Jn<sup>o</sup> Askin Esq<sup>r</sup> to ye care of M<sup>r</sup> Askin Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Mer<sup>t</sup> Detroit let it be sent immediately

*Endorsed:* Saturday Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1799 Doctor Harffy to Jn<sup>o</sup>  
Askin recv<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> & Answ<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>

#### DIFFICULTIES OF MATTHEW DONOVAN

Detroit November. 15<sup>th</sup> 1799

D<sup>r</sup> Sir I have been Informed that you are concerned in Establishing a School in this Town, in Opposition to me which amazing Surprised me for I candidly declare, that I always perswaded myself, that you would be the last man in this Town that would do me the least Injury; I acknowledge that my Conduct of the 29<sup>th</sup> of October was irregular, but partly was owing to the want of wood & to the Inclemency of the weather for it was not the concurrence of the will altogether, but rather a fatality impending over me no man is his own keeper, neither is any man altogether perfect; I am not very Subject to this crime, neither do I approve of it, nor is there any person existing more grieved or concerned for it than I am. I hope never to be guilty of such a crime for I have made an absolute promise never to taste any Spirituous liquors as long as I keep School in Detroit and hope with the Concurrence of Heaven to maintain that promise I am bold to Say that I have kept a Good School these four years past and my Scholars will prove it upon examination and to Sum up the Total loss of my time in