

FROM WILLIAM HARFFY TO JOHN ASKIN

Dear Sir, It is long since I have had the pleasure of a letter from you, therefore yours meets with a pleasing reception. a most Violent Fever prevented me the happiness of Seeing you last Saturday. Six days confined to my bed & I am only just now able to hobble about; Thank God I am daily geting strength, and pleasing to say am in my House, where I reside the whole day, but cannot trust the new walls for the night. The Timber is almost all in the yard, & the men I understand will totally finish next week, and then Tommy cannot frame a Jesuitical excuse, for the Drafts, as with them the papers, or vouchers, or what you will, will go by the Express. You mention about Fraser. he of all men in the World, can I wish to have any transactions with; but if you knew the Drift of this, and the price; you might not almost hesitate to say *Suborning Justice* here it rests, here it finishes, and he will not gain his Sordid Ideas. There is the History of Tommy; and if I ever live to see you, I could raise a smile. Your letter for Theophile myer, I have sent off.

Since my confinement, I have had some very pleasing acct^s put into my hands, nothing less than *one* Draft on me from Mr^s Harffy for £40. Sterling, another for £20, a very pretty moderate sum however I hope to be able to get y^e better of it by the Express. circumstanced thus, it will render it impossible for me to give you my letter of Attorney to draw my pay this Quarter, but you will have to receive it the 24^h of June & so on. I am sadly in want if you can trust me for a Table Cloth of 3 yards long, if not too dear. I also should like about 4 gallons of Sherry & Six gallons of good red port a pound of the *best* Hyson Tea, & one pound of very common green tea. as beef is very cheap with you, I think the Commodore cannot have a better opportunity of *returning my* Beef than now, as we understand it is by the Quarter 5½^d or 6^d per pound that being the case, and it should take place, I am led to hope I was once enough in Mr^s Askins esteem to beg her to let her serv^t put it in some of her nice pickle that I may receive it down keeping out the neck, & shins for Soup, with three or four roasting pieces, for how dismal so ever the Weather