

appears yet still we can have a craft down. We cannot get an *Onion* here, I wish I could get a Bushel. I certainly shall take you by Surprise some of these long nights, when we will talk about and about it. pray Sir what may be the price per pound of an Iron pot. I should like a thinn one, that will not weigh too heavy about 3, or 4, gallons; as I am fit for nothing, and very much troubled with the Cacoethies Scribendi (which by the by is of Service to me at present,) that I do not know how to leave off[f]. I have not seen M^r Backwell, but you may depend on my speaking to him at the first interview, if you could send down, a very little of each of the Madeira, 1st, 2^d, 3^d, I would shew it to different person[s]. I know Backwell has none. let the Bottles be *Sealed* down, the last you sent had a taste of the Cask, I shew that to him, but he mention'd the taste, I should think if the [ves]sel, should not arrive there will not be any danger of its going off. Rum here is by the Single Quart. 4^s Spirits is I a[m told] 18^s. in short this place is continually drunk.

I have just time to bid you adieu

yours truly

W^m Harffy

Monday morn^e

Addressed: Jn^o Askin Esq. to the Care of M^r Askin
Jun^r Detroit Dec^r 2^d 1799.

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FROM WILLIAM HARFFY TO JOHN ASKIN

Dear Sir This morn^e I received your letters of the Second & third instant, and thank you for your kind expression of Friendship towards me as your Sawyers are leaving this place I trust this letter to them I have waited on M^r Reynolds, and M^r Backwell, the remainder of the Scantling will be immediately drawn in the acct then made out, and M^r R. says, He will then give you the draft. Thank God I am perfectly recover'd, and Yesterday I open^d house and I assure you, your red wine made some of my Friends *very happy* I can now safely say I sleep & eat under my own