

SUPPLIES FOR FORT MALDEN

Detroit January 10th 1800

Sir Your Obliging Letter of the 8th reached me Yesterday & I'm thankfull for the manner in which you settled the Overplus Scantling. I have signed the accounts & will return them by the first person I can depend on who may be going to Malden. You have not furnished say Charged, as many Brick as I furnished There is 950 still even after my deducting 2000 for Captⁿ M^eLean, however we can settle this difference any other time. Your Drafts for the payment I have received £391. 7. 3½ Hf^s Currency

I am sir your most Obed^t Humble Servant
Thomas Reynolds Esq^r
Deputy Commissary at Amherstburgh

Endorsed: Detroit January the 10th 1800 John Askin
Senior to Thomas Reynolds Commissary at Amherstburgh
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TRADE CONDITIONS IN MONTREAL

Montreal 18 January 1800

Dear Askin I wrote to you by the last boat since which I have received a few lines saying you was well, which you know allways gives me great pleasure, but much more could I see you which never will happen in this world. I have been laid up since october with a complication of disorders, so that I have kept the House, and a great part my Bed, but at present am mending and as soon as I can get strength suficient will make a Trip to the Ball^s Town springs which renews ones age I wish you was there. M^r Todd is going with me. he is always complaining when his intestines are empty, but after Dinner recovers wonderfully.

I observe what you say respecting hireing young men for three or four years. the opposition to N West has raised the price so very high that I dont think they can be got without giving much more than they may be got for at Detroit boys asked me seven & eight hundred livers, and would engage only for one year. the old N West Company is all in the Hands of M^eTavish. Frobisher and M^eKinsey²

2 The allusion is to Alexander Mackenzie, the explorer, who was one of the leading