

my favor [power] shall be done between this & Sep^t the Usual time of our getting in Debts here, but as I once said before Thank God there is sufficient to pay Every One but I am well Aware how much better it is for Every Man in Business to get his Remittances regularly than any Other Mode. that Interest to them is not a Compensation for lying Out of their Money. but really this Country is Overdone & he who has sold least in My Oppinion has done best. I'm hardly Out of any Article & of some I have a considerable Quantity but no Cash to be got, & to sell for Wh[e]at corn &^{ca} & give great Credits I will not, those who have done so cannot now get a purchase for their Grain. I mean for certain to set off[f] for York in the beginning of Next Month to take out deeds for my Lands & in hopes of Geting some More. If I when there find I can have time to pay my Old friends in your Quarter a Visit I will, as nothing could give me More pleasure but if I find my Business here would suffer from so long an Absence, I must deprive myself of that satisfaction not being in circumstances to loose anything. Thank God I enjoy tolerable good Health & whilst that remains I will not dispair could I part with Even some of my Fixt property here to any One who could pay me I would soon reduce your Acc^t Against me very considerable. Among Other Evils here are 17 large Merchant vessels to transport the loadings of 3 or 4 at Most. ruin Detroit is not far from you. M^{rs} Askin begs to join in best respects to M^{rs} M^cGill & I remain &^{ca}

J. A.

Mess^{rs} Jam^s & And^w M^cGill Merch^{ts} Montreal

I have Also wrote at this time to

Isaac Todd Esq^{re}
 W^m Robertson Esq^{re}
 Rob^t Hamilton Esq^{re}
 Doctor Richardson
 Alexd^r Henry
 Rob^t Nichols

} But for want of time these Letters
 are not Copied

Endorsed: Detroit May 15th 1800 Jn^o Askin to Jam^s
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