

desired to acknowledge the signature. It is not necessary to take a copy. I want none, and this may be left with you. If it is agreeable to you to send me 50 dollars in the course of the day, you will greatly oblige me; and I will take care to call for money only according to the quarterly sums mentioned in my last, nor even for that, except I should really want it; and not to trouble you with more on this subject, I subscribe myself, Sir, with great respect,

your most obedient humble servant

Peter Joseph Dillon,

Mathew Ernest, Esq^r

Endorsed: Mr Dillons agreement May 1800

FROM ALEXANDER HENRY TO JOHN ASKIN²³

Montreal 26th May 1800

Dear Askin Yesterday I returned from the United States, where I have been since the first of February. I have been endeavouring to repair this old frame of mine which begins to decay. I have been at the Balls Town Springs, where I left our friend Todd, repairing his Brases, and drinking salt water instead of Medeira. I expect he will be here next week. I wrote to you by the Winter express. am much surpris'd you could harbour any doubts of my friendship for you & yours becoming rusty. no—that can never be while I live, I have not many old friends alive—and but few of them on that footing of friendship that has continued between us for so many years. my only regret is that chance, fortune, or what ever you may call it, has obliged us to live so distant one from the other, but I am Happy to find you intend coming down, this summer. dont think of returning from York. there is no one in the World that I want to see more than you. while I was at the Springs I dayly see James Gordon²⁴ who would be very glad to see you. we only wanted you there to make the party square. Gordon, Todd, you and me, would have been company enough.

²³ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

²⁴ James Gordon had been a partner of Askin in Albany, prior to the removal of the latter to Mackinac in 1764. *B. H. R.*, I, 5.