

Bench it was Requested that it might be *Strong* & well drawn up. as much as to say not for Attention to the Community at large but to answer private Malevolence. Mr M^eKee has been much out of order for this two or three days, is now getting better. as for M^{rs} M^eKee she tells Me She is perfectly well, her looks certainly bespeak it.

with truth I am

Yours Sincerely

W^m Harffy

P. S. I received your note on the Bench
Amherstburg Oct^r 17, 1800

Addressed: Jn^o Askin Esq^r Detroit W. H.

Endorsed: Malden Oct^r, 17th 1800 Doctor Harffy to
Jn^o Askin Rec^d & Answ^d y^e 18th.

CONTRACT FOR BEEF IN AMHERSTBURG

Detroit October the 17th 1800

My Dear Sir As I have wrote you frequently of late on different subjects this will be only one namely that of a Contract with Government for furnishing Beef for the Garrison of Malden. I do Assure you I know not anything that would be more Advantagious to me nor anything I could Undertake with such certainty The finest of Beef comes in from the States from the 1st May to the 1 November and in such Quantities that Stall fed Beef in the Spring is got for 5 Dollars the Hundred, Hide Tallow & Offalls in and now the good Beef is at 3 Dollars the Hundred Cows, & Calfs with them for 12½ Dollars the Price. If you could prevail on the General to make such a Contract, nothing but a Warr with the United States could in any Degree render the fullfilling of the Contrac doutefull. If even 6 per lb could be got from the 1st of June to the 1st of November a 8 from that to the 1st of June again it would prove an Excellent Bussiness. If more could be got so much [the better] Surely this mode of furnishing the Troops would be much Cheaper than giving them Pork and as I know the General wishes to save Expences to Government I should think he would Accept of the Offer. If it's refered in any manner to the Agent Purchaser you will please get my good Friend Mr M^eGill to