

obtain a perfect knowledge of it, besides doing something more in Geography. Beamont would be able to assist them in grammar. And they shall be welcome to my schoolroom 4 evenings in a week and to what assistance he can afford them; & I would try to help them occasionally myself, if you will please to send them & let them find their own fire-wood & candles. Perhaps several others would join them & be [do] their part in the fire-wood

Yours with great respect

David Bacon

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Present

Endorsed: Detroit Nov^r 28th The Reverend David Bacon to Jn^o Askin Answ^d

FROM JOHN ANDERSON TO JOHN ASKIN

Fort Miamis 6th Decbr 1801

Dear Sir I wrote you Som time ago on different Subjects to which I heave Received No answer. one of which was Relative to what Cap^t Whistler⁸² owed us & wanted to give flour, but as I did Not hear from you I did Not like to do it—but he Made Such a poor Mouth & Saide W^m Hunt was going to sue him I heave took his floar, but will pay you in Cash if you do Not like the floar. his Familly is very large & he put a good dale of Money in our way when he Comd^t hear.

I hope you heave got the £22 odd from Mr Pattinson in

82 John Whistler, of English descent, was born in Ireland in 1758. At an early age he enlisted in the army, and being sent to America, was one of the soldiers surrendered by General Burgoyne at Saratoga in 1777. Whistler subsequently returned to England, where he soon eloped with a daughter of Sir Edward Bishop. The young couple found their way to America, locating in Hagerstown, Md., where their eldest son, William, was born in 1780. A decade later Whistler joined the army which was being raised for service in the Northwest, served through the campaigns of St. Clair and Wayne, and in subsequent years at Detroit, Fort Wayne, Chicago, and other western posts. He built the first Fort Dearborn in 1803, and for several years commanded there. Both before and after this sojourn he was stationed at Detroit, and this place, more than any other can be regarded as his home. He died at Fort Belle Fontaine near St. Louis, Sept. 3, 1829. He reared a large family, several of whom were born or married in Detroit. Many of his descendants have served in the U. S. army and certain of them have achieved widespread fame. See biographical sketch in *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, V, 1-16, and Quaife, *Chicago and the Old Northwest*, *passim*.