

Etienne S^{te} marie had sold you a tract of land, of which I found the Deed among your Papers. A Special Power of Attorney from you will be necessary to enable me to convert this property.

M^r Sparkman² has promised my brother a Bill on Montreal which he says you may have, of which you shall be fully informed in a few days. He and M^{rs} M^cIntosh join me in our best respects to you and M^{rs} Askin and your family, in which none can be more Sincere than Dear Sir

Your mo obed^t Serv^t

Will M^cIntosh

John Askin Esquire Detroit

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Detroit

Endorsed: Moy Jan^y 12th 1802 W^m Mackintosh Esq^{re} to
Jn^o Askin Contents Ent^d Jan^y 15th 1802

CONDITIONS AT ST. JOSEPH

S^t Josephs 9th Feb^y 1802

Dear Sir. I take this oportunity of telling you we are all in good health and to Say it will give us Most Sincere pleasure to hear The Same from you The Indians that now go down will return and we hope will bring us news of a removal I assure you we are heartily Sick of this place Our Situation at Kingston was So very different. that we feel the drearyness (and idleness on my part) much more Severely. however we cant complain of being badly off either in point of lodgings or with respect to provitions. I believe we have now in the house 20 ham a dosen Part-ridges [illegible] fish, all of them got for a little Rum and Bread. You will Readily believe that Madlaine and My self are extremely Anxious to hear of little John We trust him in good health and a good Boy. We are perfectly convinced That he is in good hands—M^r Cowell sends down these Indians in Consequence of a Fire which burnt down his Kitchen and the Bakehouse and also having Suspended M^r T. Duggan³ from his place as Storekeeper. 'till the

² For sketch of the career of John Sparkman see *ibid.*, 308.

³ For sketch of the career of Thomas Duggan, see *ibid.*, I, 286.