

venient to hold a joint share in the *Saguinah* & Exposing her to Public Sale at this time in my Oppinion would Answer no good End I therefore have to Propose that if you will set a price on her & give me the offer of buying it or not I will make an Allowing of £50 for such cho[i]ce. that is to say if I prefer the payment to my share in the Vessell £50 will be taken from her Valuation, or if I prefer the Vessell I will give £50 more for her. The payment by those who get her as follows £100 N Y C on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> next, the remainder due in two Equal shares on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1804 & 1805 no Interest to be required Except from the day Each Sum is due & the purchaser to give his notes payable to order for the Sums. The Balast & Vessell Boat go with the Vessell & Every other thing belonging to her

I am Dear Sirs Your most obedient Humble servant  
(Signed) J. A.

*Endorsed:* Detroit Feb<sup>y</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1802 John Askin Senior to Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Meldrum & W<sup>m</sup> Park (Copy)

#### COMMISSION TO HIRE SHOEMAKERS

Detroit Feb<sup>y</sup> the 27<sup>th</sup> 1802

Dear Henry Having wrote you some time ago I have nothing now to add relative to my Family which thank God are all well except that my only daughter except one that was unmarried has taken a husband unto herself a few days ago he promisses fair, has a good character and [is] reckoned a good lawyer which is not a bad profession in this quarter

The principal intent of this is to request you will hire for me two canadians good shoemakers single men of good characters & not to exceed 600<sup>n</sup> wages for one year, to commence from their arrival here they shall be well used and fairly paid at the expiration of their times if you can find such please advance the equipments and not more than a half Johannes to [each] in money & I will send you a draught for both. you will please send them up early in some persons boatt so that the expence of their voyage may not cost much or perhaps which would be better, you could get them in as middle men & I receive something for their services I address myself to you to hire these men as I