

This place is incorporated M^{rs} Macombs farm and mine are in the Town. The legislature honored me so far as to make me the first of five trustees who they named & to whom they gave great authority. A Market is established by us and a small market house built. M^r & M^{rs} Brush returns their compliments to M^{rs} Hamilton & you he bids fair to be an able Lawyer has considerable practice is sober and industrious therefore I believe Alice has made a good choice. The poor Commodore & his Family have been and still are much afflicted with sickness. he is very weak and low however I hope not in danger

M^{rs} Askin and my Family in general assures M^{rs} Hamilton you and yours of our most sincere best wish Adieu Dear Sir
Yours Most truly

Addressed: Robert Hamilton Esquire Merchant Queens-
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Endorsed: Detroit April 8th 1802 John Askin Senior to
Robert Hamilton Esquire (Copy)

NEWS FROM MONTREAL

Montreal 18 April 1802

My Dear Askin I received a few day ago your two letters from Detroit in January mentioning your wish to have a Shoemaker. I have made every inquiry in my power, and find there cannot be found such a man as understands his business under one dollar pr day and found. Shoemakers are the dearest article here. they charge at present on account of peace one shilling more than they ever did before. this goes by our friend Pollard who has been so fortunate as to procure the Gown, and may make a Tolerable Parson—anything for an Hones[t] livelyhood. Honor or shame from no condition Rise. act well your part there all the Honor lies—as a great poet says. what do you think I have turn'd Commission Merch^t Broker & Auctioneer and have a great deal of business. I wish I had done it seven years past it would have been better for us both. I have been Idle to[o] long, but now must work to make up lost time. good Deer Skins sold well in last sale it is suposed