

he never render[e]d us an account of what he has received, only made dividends & remitted them, which was not his business. only to Transmit to me what he received from the Estate, was what he ought to have done. I will write to him by this opportunity. be so good as to take a moment to think of this business and let me know. as you are out of the furr way I need say nothing to you. much money has been made by Bears. but they must take care. my family is all well except myself and join in every good wish for you and yours. & remain ever

your affectionate old friend

Alexander Henry

N.B. pray what did you do with the note of M^cGregor to R Henry. if you cant get any thing send the note to me.

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: Montreal Aug^t 18^h 1803 M^r Alex^r Henry to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 30^h Sep^r Answ^d y^e 4^h Oct^r

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO ALEXANDER HENRY⁴¹

Near Sandwich Oct^r 4th 1803

My Dear Henry Now I have started you I will keep you a going your kind Letter dated the 18th of August reached me the last of September. Your a nice boy not to say anything about your family pray do [you] not think that M^{rs} Askin and I have some regard for them however from your silence on that head we have reason to suppose they are all well and we most sincerely wish it. I will tell you news that you will like. I'm better in health and more contented in mind thank God than I have been for Thirty years past and yet during that time I have not had great reason to complain yet dont think I'm rich far from it. If anyone say's so he tells a *Whopper* but I begin to see clear that no one will suffer by me tho payment may be delayed on this side I have Lands well secured that brings me 20/ per Acre. tho not all Cash down but well secured and on the other side I have a quantity of Land also part

⁴¹ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.