

recovered. I never have had my health better than this year but [have been] a little indisposed for some days past all the rest of the Family in perfect health as was Cap^t & Mr^s Meredith with their Children in April last.

After the familys assurances of strong attachment to you and John I remain Dear W^m

Your affectionate Grand-father

Mr William Robertson Jun^r
Merchant Queenstown

Endorsed: Strabane Aug^t 17th 1804 John Askin to
William Robertson Jun^r (Copy)

FROM ROBERT DICKSON TO JOHN ASKIN

Michilimackinac Aug^t 24 1804

Dear Sir As I am just setting out for the Mississippi and as I leave a young man to pass the Winter at this place, finding that you have a quantity of whisky for sale here, please direct to Patrick Adhemar⁵⁶ informing him of the lowest price and enclose an Order on Jaques Geasson with whom it is stored for what quantity he may want for which I will be accountable & remitt you the Amount next spring. My best respects to Mr^s Askin & family, wishing the full enjoyment of health, I am Dear Sir,

Your very Obed^t & very hbl^e Servan^t

R. Dickson⁵⁷

John Askin Esq^r

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: Mich. Aug^t 24^h 1804 Mr Rob^t Dickson to
Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 2^d Nov^r wrote an Answ^r to Patrick
Adhemar y^e 29

⁵⁶ Patrick Adhémar witnessed several marriages at Mackinac in the period 1792-99. Presumably he was a son or other connection of Toussaint Anthony Adhémar *dû* St. Martin (for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 177-78), but of this we have found no record. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, XIX, *passim*.

⁵⁷ Robert Dickson was one of a family of six sons and four daughters, children of a merchant of Dumfries, Scotland. The father suffered business reverses and possibly this was a factor in the migration of three of the sons, Robert, William, and Thomas, to Canada, where their cousin, Robert Hamilton, was established in business. William and Thomas located in the Niagara region and their careers are sketched in *B. H. R.*, I, 461 and 542. It is known that William Dickson came to Canada in 1784, and since Robert was the older brother, it seems probable that he came at the same time. From 1786 to 1788 he was at