

which she can be employed. Should it be in my Power to give her any other Assistance in the freight it shall be most Cheerfully exerted. There is Some talk of the probability of Peace Speedily taking place in Europe, tho' I fear matters are not ripe enough for that Yet.

I request My regards to the Family, & am with the Sincerest Wishes for their joint & individual Welfare, My Dear Sir

Your friend & Serv^t

Rob^t Nichol

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Strabane Near Sandwich

Endorsed: Fort Erie Aug^t 26^h 1804 Mr Rob^t Nichol to Jn^o Askin recv^d & Answ^d y^e 30^h Aug^t

FROM ROBERT NICHOL TO JOHN ASKIN

Fort Erie Septem^r 6 1804

John Askin Esq^r

My Dear Sir Your favors of the 22nd & 26^h Ult^o came duly to hand and are now before me, the first advising of your having Sent Six Dollars for the Purchase of a Lottery Ticket in the Neighbouring States, which sum I have received & shall dispose of as directed.

I am Sorry to See by yours of the 26^h the unfavorable situation of the small adventure, forwarded by me this Spring, particularly as I calculated on the Am^t of it to add to my fall remittances. Flour & Pork with us are almost the only payments we get for our Goods, at this place, & from them we must make our remittances. I however Still hope that Something will Come from that Quarter. If not I shall be greatly deficient. I am anxious if possible to avoid paying Interest in Montreal for it like a Cancer eats up all the profit.

I sent up no Flour in the *Saguinah*, 40 Barrels Per the *Lark* being all I forwarded this as directed I have Charged to your Account, at 50/. I have also Charged you with 6 Barrels more Pork at £7-4 del^d at Sandwich, agreeably to the inclosed Account, by which it appears you are indebted to me to the Sum of £17 8 New York Currency, which I think you will find right. there will then remain at