

consequently the assortment is by no means compleet The scarcity of Cash in this countree is such that we are distressed for want of it Even Bills of Exchange will not comand it Therefore I would recomend it to you to arang with your Men for Merchandize and also to procure as much as would be wanted for silver works in great heast I am Sir your Most respectfull friend & humble Serv^t

Robert Gouie

Mr Gabriel Hounot New Madrid

P.S. Cap^t Peyroax will call on you for a few articles put up among the thing belonging to the adventure which you will be pleased to Deliver the Gentleman agreeable to his Invoice R G

have the goodness [illegible] pounds wight of Indigo Next Spring

Addressed: Mr Gabriel Hounot New Madrid

FROM ROBERT NICHOL TO JOHN ASKIN

Fort Erie October 19th 1804

My Dear Sir I wrote you a hasty letter the other day by Captain Gilkison, & have Since (say this morning) rec^d your letter of the 6th As the *Saguinah* is nearly full & will be ready to Sail this evening I think it best to be prepared for her departure.

I remark what you Say respecting the Amount due me. the disappointment to me tho' great, will not prove So much So as I at one time expected, having fortunately been able to realise property which I did not during the Summer & first of the fall Calculate upon. the Matter Sooner than you should be obliged to make a Sacrifice must lie over.

Your order for Milk of roses shall be attended to but I must Candidly Say, that I highly disapprove of all Cosmetics. they (the most innocent) are very dangerous, ruin the Constitution & not unfrequently occasion the death of those who use them. I shall apply to my Friend Doctor Walsh for a preparation which will I am sure be more safe & equally Efficacious.

I have forwarded by Capⁿ Fearson a Barrel of Timothy