

was rotten its really false, there are parts of her as sound as ever. I can depend on what Captain Fearson says. If you wish to hold, with any other that has freight a greater share in the Vessell I dare say you may and that Mr Mel-drum for a trifle [will] go out. Haghtaway tells me a man offered 100 or 90 Barrells Salt for the *Surprise* I wish you would take that if no more can be got, or if you will give me equal to it in Pork and take her yourself, I would prefer it, or give me credit for her if she will answer you of the 8 Barrells of Pork remaining at Michilimacinac 5 have been sold payable next year, therefore 3 remained last fall.

I wish you to send me by very first opportunity which I dare say will be early 3 Barrells of Pork provided you can wait some time for your payment for really since Detroit has been burnt money is scarcer than I ever have known it. You never say anything about Norton. I would even rather take the £77 odd he offered you than let the matter lie over longer. You need not send me any Tea in the Spring, as I have some with other Stores at Niagara that will soon be up.

Nothing new in this quarter. My Family Thank God well, and assure you of their best wishes as does Dear Robert your real Friend

Mr Robert Nichol Merchant Fort Erie

P. S. Let me know the N^o of my Lottery Ticketts as well as that of Mr^s M^eKee so that if either draws a prize we may know to whom it belongs. I wish you could change Voltair for Pork, Even 3 Barrells.⁴⁵

Endorsed: Strabane Feb^y 26th 1806 John Askin Senior to Mr Robert Nichol Merchant Fort Erie (Copy)
Mr. Robert Nichol Merchant Fort Erie

LAND VALUES IN DETROIT

Strabane March the 6th 1806

My Dear Friend The principal intent of this Letter is to inform you not to sell the Lot I got from Mr Smith &

⁴⁵ The concluding sentence is in Askin's hand; the remainder of the letter, in that of one of his sons.