

better and cannot live in England. he is coming out in the first ships. Beaver sold high in England Deer bad, Bears suposed would do well. Money very scarce here. Trade bad. the most of the Merchants will in two years be Bankerupt. unless it should rain a Shower of half Joes. it must be a general one otherwise [it] will not do. nothing can save them else. James M^cGill is going to Michilimack^e to settle with Dixon who owes him near £40,000 currency and he is much affraid of loosing the greatest part. my dear old friend I am happy in all my old acquaintance, to find you live with less Trouble than any of them. may you long continue to do so. for my part I am growing old and suspect life will not hold [me] long. however you shall be amongst the last I think of. may you and your good family enjoy every good thing this world can give is the prayers of me and my famely.

from your affectionate fr[i]end

Alexander Henry

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Sandwich Detroit fav-our'd by M^r M^cDonald

Endorsed: Montreal April the 25^h 1806 M^r Alex^r Henry to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 13^h June Answ^d y^e 18th

FROM ALEXANDER GRANT TO JOHN ASKIN

York May 9th 1806

My dear Friend I have your letter which promisses that you will not write a blue letter in a hurry again. god knows they multiply fast enough in my breast, all there is we must wide [wade] through as long as we Can.

Regarding the land business particular[l]y all old Claims That through neglect or other Causes that has not been pushed forward at the time are hardly to be brought on now. From the following reason many rules has been made in Council during the Chief Justice & General Hunters time proclamation have been issued to Come forward again such a period, otherwise they should have no attention paid to their affairs. And one of them is that no womman or Lady are to have lands Except the daughters or wives of U. E The Council at present Consists only of M^r Russell,