

day this Week and will then do all I can to procure payment for you, though I fear he cannot spare Money from himself. I will not neglect any Means in my power to make your payment.

In the mean time I remain Dear Sir &^{ca}
M^r James Fraser at Detroit

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r &c &c &c near Sandwich³⁷
W. Halton

Endorsed: Nov^r 3^d 1807 Jn^o Askin to M^r Jm^s Fraser at
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INDEBTEDNESS OF JOHN ASKIN

Detroit 10th Nov^r 1807

Dear Sir I have had the pleasure of receiving your kind favour of the 3^d Instant & am sorry to find it is not in your power at present to settle the matter you assumed for Cap^t Currey in 1805. however in order to accommodate you, I will wait with pleasure untill next Spring if you choose.

With regard to the business of the sale of your Negro Man Ben, I wish with all my heart you may succeed in the sale, but I am afraid the times are too critical to risk much in that way; & as the question is not yet known by the general Court, I believe the Ideas of the Government of the United States are not much in favour of Slavery. If you was coming over yourself, or perhaps if you was to gett M^r Brush to speak to M^r May probably he might purchase Ben I sent you, % your Son M^r Alex^r Two or Three English News papers of the latest date for June of this year in hopes to afford you a little amusement. when you have done with them please send them back & I will send you a few more for May % Alex^r

I am Dear Sir With Great Esteem Yours Sincerely

Ja^s Fraser

P.S. I will be happy of a line from you when at leisure,
J. F.

John Askin Sen^r Esq^r

³⁷ The address is evidently an error of the copyist.