

Addressed: John Askin Sen^r Esquire Sandwich

Endorsed: Detroit Nov^r 10th 1807 Mr James Fraser to
Jn^o Askin Rec^d y^e 12 & Answ^d 13th

AFFAIRS AT ST. JOSEPH³⁸

St Joseph's 11th Nov^r 1807

My Dear Father, The *Nancy* has just made her appearance which is rather unexpected. that's to say I entertained hopes of having time to write you a long letter before she reached this having a great deal to write you, but unfortunately my Office of St. Keeper has kept me constantly occupied day & night the latter in making out the necessary Requisitions & [the] former in issueing. I have Cloathed 300 persons within these three days past. I have hardly time to take my meals in comfort. Per Capt Mills you'll receive a Barr^l of white fish for yourself One for M^r Peltiers & one for M^r Brush. I entertain hopes you'll find them good You'll please Pick out the largest Barr^l for yourself I understand that Cap^t Mills is to unload part of his fish at M^r M^cIntoshes if so M^r Brush & M^r Peltier may be put in store untill they send for them, should you find it inconvenient to have them taken to your place. Madelaine has been occupied in attending M^{rs} Crawford Daughter to Doct Mitchel who has been delivered of twins & the Infants died a few days after they were born & M^{rs} Crawford still verry unwell, which prevented her from finishing a Dozⁿ of *Torchons*³⁹ for your kitchen wrappers &c but they will be sent early in the spring. should the Kings Vessel pass near your place & that you have Notice I should be happy to get a Dozⁿ or less of Apple Tree plants the size of half an inch in diameter or more. The Roots may be put in a small keg pressed together & filled w^h earth & the limbs twisted in straw to prevent their receiving any injury. I would rather have few but good stout plants. They can be taken from those that My D^r Brother Charles gave me. I dare say Cap^t Fearson or Burbank will take a few astern of their Vessel, the roots well tied or wrapt in Course linnen

³⁸ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

³⁹ Dish cloths.