

Excellent Coop & a good breeding Sow have been ready some time, & I have sent to know frequently when they can be taken on Board, but I fear there will now be some difficulty, for the vessel has been at Amherstburgh and brought up 4 Oxen and some Sheep. I fear Captain Burbank has been prevailed on when down to take more Live Stock on Board there, than was M^r M^cIntoshes intentions for Alex^r seemed always disposed to take up your Live Stock. if they cannot be Shipt now, try and make sure for the Next trip. The Ox is a very fine, Gentle, American One in good Order and will not Weigh less than 600. the price £12 10', which brings the Beef to 5 pence.

FROM JOHN ASKIN JR. TO JOHN ASKIN⁴

St Joseph's Aug^t 5 1809

My Dear Father, I received your favour commencing the 5th & ending the 20th Ult^o the 1st Ins^t The Articles therein stated to have been shipt on Board the *Nancy* came to hand. It was verry fortunate that you got the Ox put on Board, for it doesnot answer to get Cattle in the Cold season; they cannot recover sufficiently the same year to make good Beef. Its a fine Animal & verry reasonable. I am verry thankful for the breeding sow & hope after this to be able to raise some Pork.

There is not a Buffaloe robe to be purchased on this Island at present. M^r Crawford who left this for Makina a few days past has assurd me he would bring one over, if it could be got at that place. I'm happy to find Charles is gone to Queenston to meet M^r Todd & sincerely wish he may succeed in geting to be Barrack Master. its a good situation in these hard times. I observe what you write of Ja^s & Alex^r & as Ja^s has commenced a correspondance I will continue punctually to answer his.

Its highly pleasing to find that Doct^r Richardson paid due attention to Poor Duff during his Illness & the uncommon kindness to that family since the Decease is truly worthy of himself.

⁴ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.