

and all we know of the business is by an open Letter delivered us by M^r Ogilvy from M^r Robertson desiring us to deliver him some Goods of his we had in hands but not a Line giving a reason for it, which I dont think kind, perticularly as we have allways done his business people naturally must think there is some cause for the change. as a friend I am sorry such an Idea should take place. with respect to Interest I am pleased he has formed another connection. I am sorry to Lose a friend, but not so to Lose a Correspondant, as I told you my intention of retiring from business which I adhere to.

I received a sensible gratefull & friendly Letter from Miss Askin. I have began two Letters in Answer but find myself unequal to the task assure her of my esteem & respect and that the part I have acted which she seems so sensible of gives me as much pleasure, that I had it in my power to do so, as it can her, and may You M^{rs} Askin & her enjoy every happiness you can wish & belive me My dear John

Yours Sincerely

Isaac Todd

P.S. your friend Coln^l (now Gen^l) England with wife & family is sailed for England Coln^l Blake now commands here there is 3 Companys in town, his, Maj^r Doyle-s & Cap^t O Bryans. I have these 3 weeks been verry unwell with a Complaint in my Stomach Slow fever & Loss of appetite, which has reduced me more then you ever saw me, I hope I shall soon get better, if not it is of Little consequence to me, I shall goe with the hopes and trust that in my situation I have done my duty

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Merch^t Detroit favored by M^r M^cGregore⁹¹

Endorsed: Montreal Sep^t 20^h 1796 M^r Isaac Todd to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 29^h & Answ^d y^e 30^h Oct^r

GOODS ORDERED FOR INDIAN TRADE

Sep^r 20^h 1796

Memord^m for M^r W^m Robertson

Under cover herewith is an Order for Goods to be Im-

⁹¹ Probably Gregor McGregor, for sketch of whose career see *B. H. R.*, I, 292-93.