

ions and all other articles necessary for the Sustainance of every description of people there, and of which by the last Act^s from thence, they stood much in need of, it's one of those unfortunate events, which cannot easily be remedied as it was the only ship freighted with those necessary articles, from it dreadful consequences are to be apprehended. You will be pleased to acquaint your daughter that her Aunt experienced the most heart felt Sensations of pleasure at the receipt of her Letter, and it would have Contributed thereto if she could have seen the bearer of it, hitherto we have not seen Mr Hutchinson and perhaps may not, but any recommendation of Yours will be paid the greatest attention too, we had much satisfaction in meeting with L^t Breynton (of the 65th) at Portsmouth the 1st Sep^r last, when the 53^d Reg^t landed. You may be assured I was much gratified by the pleasing Intelligence that was gained from him, we likewise partake of that pleasure which must be truly grateful to yourself and M^{rs} Askin, wherein we find by Theresas³ discription of the family that you have both renewed your youths again, and that no kind of amusement has its enjoyment with the juvenile Circle unless Papa and Mama are with them, we most sincerely join in Congratulations at the pleasing information I cannot but repeat again our Inclinations and wishes are to be with you, frequently Phillis's mind roves and when walking in the room takes a flight across the Atlantic & arrives at Detroit in a few minutes, at any rate I can venture to say she's seldom by herself but her mind is occupied with reflections of the many happy hours passed at Detroit, it is to be hoped that some time or another we shall have a renewal of the like pleasures, She continues to enjoy her health as likewise do the children. She continues in Stature nearly the same, rather lustier than when she left you, the Girls have not profited so much as they might have done in their Education, as the mother could not reconcile to herself letting them go from her, she never yet has left

³ Therese Askin, eldest offspring of Askin's marriage with Marie Archange Barthe. Therese subsequently married Thomas McKee, son of Alexander McKee of the British Indian Department.