

them for a night and has debarr'd herself from all diversions on that ac^t the like fondness Continues towards them and no doubt ever will do, the Colonel & M^{rs} D. P.⁴ have taken a house near Portsmo' I have no doubt but they are like ourselves quite out of their element from the Reg^t its probable they will not join till the Reg^t gets to Ireland. I must now draw to a Conclusion uniting the most sincere & affectionate Love and esteem of Phillis the Young Ones & myself towards M^{rs} A. Yourself and family as also to Capt & M^{rs} Grant & their family likewise to the M^r Barthes, and not to forget our kind remembrance to all enquiring friends.

I am with sincerity Your Friend & Serv^t
D Mercer

May 1st

PS This days Newspaper removes the gloom which every countenance was depressed with, as it announces the safety of the Guardians arrival at the Cape of Good Hope, after having undergone vast distress & difficulties and loosing 3 out of 4 boats Crew that quitted her

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r at Detroit to the care of Mess^{rs} Todd & Mc Gill Merch^{ts} at Montreal.

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Cap^t Mercer 8th Reg^t to Jn^o Askin recv^d Sep^r 12th

ROLL OF DETROIT MILITIA

List of Militia men furnished with Arms

1	Capt ⁿ Askin	17	M ^r McIntosh Jun ^r
2	Lieut ^t Meldrum ⁵	18	M ^r Langlois
3	Ensign McIntosh	19	M ^r Voyér
4	M ^r Martin Jun ^r	20	M ^r Lyons
5	M ^r Wallace	21	M ^r Brow
6	M ^r Sharp	22	M ^r Campeau Jun ^r
7	M ^r Antoine Lacéllé ⁶	23	M ^r Fraser

⁴ The allusion is to Colonel Arent Schuyler De Peyster.

⁵ George Meldrum, for whom see *ante*, 293.

⁶ On the Lacelle family see *ante*, 197. Antoine (or Anthony) was the brother of