

Addressed: M^r Erskine Merchant Detroit favoured by M^r Noel

Endorsed: Easton Estern Shore Maryland Aug^t 18^h 1792 M^r John Erskine to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 24^h Nov^r Answ^d y^e 1st July 1793 which Letter delivered to a Quaker.

FROM DAVID MEREDITH TO JOHN ASKIN

Woolwich, Augst 27th 1792

Dear Sir by a Vessell that goes direct for New York, I do myself the pleasure to again write you from this side the Atlantic, and the particular satisfaction to inform you, of my dear Archang's health, as also that of her Daughters, who grows apace, She mentions having wrote a long letter to her Mother during my absence at Camp, which M^r Todd was good enough to promise her a conveyance for, and which I hope may be received Previous to this, as She says having wrote the particulars of the Campaign, which by the different Newspapers sent out to Canada during the Summer, I have no doubt by them, your having been apprized the reason, for which Government adopted so politic a measure, as the forming and collecting such a body of Men. I believe to have mentioned to you in my last, the Fears which Ministry appeared to have, for the Safety of our Constitution; which most undoubtedly was in some danger of being broke in upon, by Seditious, and ill minded men, (*perhaps* from *Sinister Motives*) enrolling themselves into Clubs, and Parties, with a view to enflame the peaceable Subject, and render him ripe for a revolt: however I have the pleasure to add, that the Ambition of such Men, has been kept under by a spirited, and timely interference of government. We passed an unmolested Campaign of about Three Weeks, and the desired effect has been produced by the Kings Proclamation, namely an end to disorderly meetings, and Party Clubs. &c. So much for recent Politicks. I shall now proceed to inform you—that the Encamp'd Army, consisted in all of about *Three Thousand Four hundred Men*, which took the Field near Whickham Bushes on Bagshot heath the