

Western District & County of Kent in the Year of Our Lord 1792, & on the 30 Day of November 1792.

George Meldrum
William Park

FROM WILLIAM ROBERTSON TO JOHN ASKIN

London 5th December 1792.

Dear Sir: Your obliging letter of 20th August reached me here 22^d ult. It gave me much pleasure to find you all enjoy your health so well: the interest I take in whatever concerns you will always make such information agreeable, & will afford a peculiar satisfaction to me in every opportunity of demonstrating my inclination to render any of the family service wherever they are.

I thank you for your political information: your new government I think must give you general satisfaction: it is that system I have ardently wished as the greatest good that could befall Canada: temper & moderation in the new legislators will do as much good as more shining abilities, which can not always be found in a country so new. I think you [were] right on your own account in declining a [seat in] the assembly. for the public interest, perhaps I could have wished it otherwise. I shall not fail to put you in fortune's way by purchasing you a ticket in the lottery. if she had not been blind, I think she would not have passed you by so often. I hope she will reward your constancy & patience; for my part I have no opinion of her. I shall also send you a seal, now I know of what kind you want it. Goods of every kind are very high, & likely to be higher. Of the astonishing successes of the French, & other political matters you will hear from Mr Meredith who no doubt writes you. We are preparing for war, & in order to support Holland against France. I fear the worst. Our prospect as to furs is very gloomy indeed.

With respectful compliments & best wishes to all the family, I am, Dear Sir, Your very Humble servant,

William Robertson