

mean to have Many more & as no person here has Knowledge to cure them when sick or the Necessary Druggs for that purpose I'm Obliged to order a few out. The Commodores Family are well he [is] now at Niagara Enacting Laws which I fear is not long to Effect this Side of y^e Watter if I may judge from Appearance as his Excellency Governor Simcoe seems to wish to withdraw the Inhabitants from this side however many are possessed of such property as will not admit of their Removeing let their Inclinations be what it will. Your Acquaintances here are all well, My Family begs to Assure of their best wishes as does

Dear Sir Your Obliged very humble S.

(Signed) John AsKin

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LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS AT NIAGARA

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My dear Sir! I was long flattered with the Hope of seeing You.

I am disappointed, particularly as you complain of your health.

Do send my account. I asked 2 or 3 for the petition against the Contract. It was not then delivered, I understand it now is. & if I have interest enough, you shall have particulars. the Contract is generally complained of. I have not seen your advertisement.

We have made no law to free the Slaves. all those who have been brought into the Province or purchased under any authority legally exercised, are Slaves to all intents & purposes, & are secured as property by a certain act of Parliament. they are determined however to have a bill about Slaves, part of which I think is well enough, part most iniquitous! I wash my hands of it. A free man who is married to a Slave, his heir is declared by this act to be a slave. fye, fye. The Laws of God & man cannot authorize it.