

Sarah, (who its possible may be M^{rs} Campbell) That I came to this Country in 1758 and most of my time since have been in Trade first at albany near New York where I Kept a Shop & since that at a placie called Michilimakinac & for these last thirteen Years past here. I married in 1772 & have a large Family some of my Daughters [are] Married one of which to an Officer of y^e Royal Artillery at Woolwich near London a Liu^t Maderith [Meredith] what makes me perticulize him is that should Widow Campbell prove to be my Sister my Daughter would be most happy to see her. I have also many other perticular friends in London a M^r Issac Todd [and] a M^r Will^m Robertson both may be found at Mess^s Phyn Ellis & Englis in London, any Letter delivered them for me I will Receive for certain, I observe you spell your name Erskine wheras my Father & myself have wrote ours Askin yet I learn my Grand father Spelt his as you do. The best chance I Know of this geting Safe to you is my giving it in charge to a Quaker Gentleman now here Named [name not inserted]¹¹ who lives in Phledelpha & I'm sure will not only take the Utmost care to forward it to you but will be Equally carefull to transmit any letters you may favour me with to this place. My Family tho unknown to you beg leave to assure [you] of their Esteem

I am D^r Sir Y^r very humbl Ser^t

(Signed) Jn^o Askin

M Jn^o Erskin Easton Eastern Shore Maryland

Endorsed: Detroit July 1 1793 Copy of a Letter to M^r John Erskine at Easton Eastern Shore, Maryland.

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Detroit July 9 1793.

My Dear Sir Since writing you & other Friends verry Fully this Spring, I have been favoured with your joint

¹¹ Probably Jacob Lindley, of the Quaker peace delegation, whose Journal is cited *ante*, 475.