

no other course than to fight like lions, for the Emperor of Germany has deserted us, and we are the only ones left to defend our rights. Never mind! So long as we can kill as many of them at sea as our brave Admiral Duncan³⁸ did October 11, and can at once subscribe to the value of thirteen or fourteen thousand pounds for the benefit of the widows, orphans, and other relatives of the sailors who perished in this battle, we have nothing to fear. I am not clever enough to describe such a battle correctly. The newspapers will tell you about it better. The only thing that I have to add on the subject is that we have had great rejoicings in consequence, and I am quite proud to have taken tea and spent an evening in company with the brave Admiral in Yarmouth. He is a fine man.

My tenderest love to you, my dear Father, my brothers and sisters, and to Mrs. McKee, and remember me to her husband—Mr. M. joins me in all that—to John etc., etc., Uncle Grant, Barthes, etc., etc., etc. Compliments to my friends, Mr. R. L. T. My children assure you of their tender affection, and I remain with much love

Your affectionate daughter,

Archange Meredith

My compliments to Mr. Hamilton, etc., etc. I should like to know how he is since that sad event. Remember me to Madelaine and her family.

GRANT OF LICENSE TO OPERATE FERRY

BY WINTHROP SARGENT ACTING AS GOVERNOUR OF THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES NORTHWEST OF THE RIVER OHIO

(SEAL) Be it known to whom it may concern: That John Askin, Esquire, of Detroit in the county of Wayne

³⁸ Adam Duncan (1731-1804) entered the British navy in 1746 and, save for certain periods of enforced retirement, devoted the remainder of his life to it. He attained the rank of admiral, June 1, 1795, at which time he was serving as commander of the North Sea fleet. In 1797, the Dutch government planned an invasion of Ireland. The plan went awry, but the fleet was sent to sea as a political gesture, and on October 11 Duncan defeated it in a furious battle off the Dutch coast. This exploit roused great popular enthusiasm in England and Duncan was rewarded by elevation to the peerage. He continued in command of the North Sea fleet until 1801, and died on Aug. 4, 1804. He was a man of remarkable physique, six feet four inches tall and correspondingly broad, and possessed of unusual muscular strength. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*