

service would admit these Lands being surveyed, and then my Claims would be complied with. I would have went in person to transact this business was I not so subject to Sickness from catching the Slightest cold, but, Should my presence be absolutely necessary in order to obtain what I require I will even at the risk of my life undertake the Journey or any thing else in order to do Justice to Mess^{rs} Isaac Todd & James M^cGill.

I have laid out above £500 in improvements &c on Lotts I purchased from those who had Land-Board Certificates which is more than those I purchased of would have done in a long time.

I am Dear Sir with real regard your most obedient humble Servant

[John Askin]

The Honorable Rich^d Cartwright at Yorke

ALARM IN AMHERSTBURG

My Dear Sir, The Bearer hereof you will be pleased to let have the Celery plants, as many as can be conveniently spared. We are all confusion, Cauldwell arm'd Cap à pie expecting a Visit of civility from your garris[on] rusty swords, unlocked Muskets and unpointed Bayonets, form a tremendous appearance at his Chateau, under the Command of a Colonel Captain & Surgeon who is to attend all consequences that may result from a Besieged Mansion, such as women in Hysteric fits, Cowards half roasted in the oven, and Children frightened at the tales of Ghosts Hop-goblins and long stories of former wars and a variety of matters that must arise, and must be delivered from a *Head* well heated with imaginary *Nothings* in that state is now our poor Chateau which the Lord in his great Mercy safely defend us, is D^r Sir the present prayer of the Surgeon in distress, but yours in every Situation

W^m Harffy

Monday night.

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: Malden July 30, 1798 Doc^r Harffy to Jn^o Askin Rec^d & Answ^d Y^e 1st Aug^t.