

at Detroit. he is going to the NorthWest with the old Company. I am inform'd Sheifland was at Philidelphia with the Indians from Detroit but cannot know what has been done, but can guess. Isaac Todd was there at the Time but has not return'd I suppose you will have the News—such as never was known. Admiral Nelson with 13 ships of the Line attackd the Toulon fleet, which Took Boanaparta to Egypt, and took Eleven of the french the Beys or Generals in Egypt has kill'd the greatest part of his army, Nelsons fleet also destroyed 300 Transports Admiral Warran, has Taken & Destroyd the Brest fleet going to Ireland with Troops, the french Landed a number of Troops there some time before these, but they were all taken or Kill'd. the Turks has declar'd war against france and it is supos'd Germany, Russia & all the World will do the same. America talks big. they feel Bold all this good news has rais'd our sperrets. furs in England will sell by the best Information I can get for less than last year Beaver very great fall, Deer about the same as last year bears much less raccoons a fall. Muskratts will sell here 20 coppers good, no small ones, to 22^d that is if those shipt for England last fall, sells for that in London, but if for less, they will all return to America and *overstock* the market, then a fall.

I expect Todd up soon with all the News. he is like myself growing old always complaining. one of your old friends General Christie¹⁵ took his departure for the other World a few days ago. old standards deminishes very fast. there is not more than six rema[an]ing in Montreal which are Dobé, John Neagles Major Hughs, James Morrison, & my self. Todd came some time after the conquest. we have lost that number in about two years, so we may keep a sharp look out. Tell my old friend Com'odore Grant that I receved a letter from Doct^r Wright Barbados 24 August. M^{rs} Wright and the Children is well¹⁶ they have had an

¹⁵ General Gabriel Christie spent practically a lifetime in the army, rising to the rank of general in 1798. For a number of years prior to the Revolutionary War he was lieutenant colonel of the Sixtieth (Royal American) Regiment. We have been unable to discover where Askin encountered him, although it seems quite probable it was during the sojourn of the latter at Mackinac from 1764 to 1780.

¹⁶ Therese, daughter of Commodore Grant, married Dr. Thomas Wright in January, 1793. For the tragic fate of the Wright family, see *B. H. R.*, I, 461.