

Will you have the goodness to say to M^r Maisonville that I expected to have received some reply to the many letters I have wrote him from hence.

I have some little business in Detroit to transact with M^r Robert Grant²⁵ & have given him a draught upon you for 15 dollars. Which you will oblige me by honoring & the amount shall be placed to your Credit with M^r Hamilton.

Be pleased to offer my respectfull Compliments to M^{rs} & Miss Askin & in wishing that You may all long enjoy together many happy returns of the season I subscribe myself with sentiments of esteem and respect, My Dear Sir

Your Most Obedient & very Humble Servant

Rob^t Nichol

John Askin Esq^r Merchant Detroit

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Merchant Detroit

Endorsed: Queenston Feb^y 21st 1799 M^r Rob^t Nichol
to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 7^h March Answ^d June 10th

DIFFICULTIES OF JEAN DUSAULT

River Raisin 25th feby 1799

John Askin Sen^r Esquire

Dear Sir Phénon Dusau²⁶ having called on me, & stated the disagreeable predicament he now stands in, from

and the *Friend's Good Will*. In 1799 his home was at Presqu' Isle. Considerable incidental information concerning him can be found in manuscripts in the B. H. Coll., and in Buffalo Hist. Soc., *Pubs.*, VIII, 284 ff.

²⁵ Robert Grant was a resident of Detroit who, in 1795, signified his intention of remaining a British subject. He subsequently engaged in trade in Sandwich in partnership with Robert Innis, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 464-65, *et passim*. Grant married Mary Scott, and a daughter, Christina, born April 22, 1810, was baptized in Sandwich on Feb. 1, 1818. See St. John's Church Register.

²⁶ Other documents in the Askin papers indicate that this was Jean Dusault. The Dusault (Dusaut) line in America was founded by Toussaint Toupin, Sieur Dusault, born in 1616, who married Margaret Boucher, born in 1634. He was buried in Chateau Richer, Aug. 10, 1676, leaving sons, Francis (born in 1646) and Jean Toupin, Sieur Dusault, born in Quebec, Dec. 15, 1648. Both brothers married, reared families, and lived and died in Quebec, and descendants of both subsequently came west to Detroit. Our present concern is with the descendants of Jean. His grandson, Louis Joseph Toupin, born in Quebec, Feb. 16, 1735, came to Detroit in 1759 and on Jan. 11, 1762, married at the Church of the Huron (Sandwich), Louisa Margaret Desbutes *dît* St. Martin, daughter of Jean Baudry *dît* Desbutes *dît* St. Martin and Louisa Doyon. Louisa Desbutes was buried in Detroit, July 19, 1766. Louis Joseph Toupin *dît* Dusault was buried at Raisin River, July 7, 1810.

Jean Francis Toupin *dît* Dusault, our subject, was the eldest son of Louis Joseph Dusault and Louisa Desbutes. He was born in Sandwich, Aug. 11, 1762, and married there on Nov. 4, 1783, Mary Jane Raoul, daughter of Jean Baptiste Raoul and Mary Jane Prud-