

pany. We intend making use of them, for the Expence of House rent & different attending taxes is now extremely high. I sincerely hope my good and dear Mother in law, with yourself and all of the Family Continue to enjoy health. You will ever have our wishes to that effect in their fullest extent. likewise my Friend the worthy Commodore, Mr Grant & Family. We have been unfortunate never to have met Dr & Mrs Wright. Our Friend Mercer we had the pleasure of seeing a day or two ago. he begins to look old from gout. pray remember me kindly to all about you. if you meet with the Newspaper called the *Times* dated Saturday the 14th Sept—99 you will find in it a verry handsome Address to me from the Principal Inhabitants of Athlone and the Vicinity upon my leaving that place with my Brigade:

I promise you to be a better correspondent in future, which a little rest will enable me to practice. in the mean time, shall repeat my wishes in union with those heartfelt ones of your beloved and good Daughter, added to the lispings of our two entertaining children, your grand children that all happiness and health may attend the worthy Family &c & &—and believe me Most affectionately Yours. ever & &c.

D Meredith

My dear Sir I am now at breakfast at Woolwich with my Friend Colonel Shand,⁷⁵ a relation of my Friend Sharp—he particularly desires to be remember'd to him—is just come from Gibraltar and thought he might probably have met Mr Sharp in England

You[rs] D M

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Merchant at Detroit To the care of Mess^{rs} Todd and McGill Merchants at Montreal Lower Canada

Endorsed: London 29th Sept^r 1799 Cap^t Meredith Royal Artillery to John Askin rec^d May 24^h 1800

⁷⁵ Alexander Shand, who became captain in the Royal Regiment of Artillery on Feb. 15, 1778, and lieutenant colonel on Aug. 14, 1794.