

down & Endeavourd to get off to them but without Effect, & was obliged to ride to Chippawa 10 Miles before he could get any Assistance the people after Sitting 3½ Hours up to their Chins in Water were Saved, likewise all the packs to the Exception of 30 or 40—Most of which I am Sorry to understand are the property of M<sup>r</sup> Pattinson M<sup>r</sup> Heward, M<sup>r</sup> Innis, M<sup>r</sup> Stedman,<sup>32</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Macombe, M<sup>r</sup> Powers & a number of other passengers were among the Sufferers

I now Send you forward a parcel of papers rec<sup>d</sup> by last Mail. They Contain a great deal of very interesting information on which however I shall not now descant.

I spoke to M<sup>r</sup> Clark respecting the Magazines the loan of which he has accorded, I shall Send them up P[er] Judge Powell, who goes the Western Circuit should not a Safe opportunity offer before.

I request my best respects to M<sup>rs</sup> Askin [torn] family—& though I have had a hard days work to day I do Assure you that I continue with Sentiments of Esteem & Respect My Dear Sir

Your Most Obed<sup>t</sup> & very Humble Servant

Rob<sup>t</sup> Nichol

*Addressed:* John Askin Esq<sup>r</sup> Merchant Detroit

*Endorsed:* Queenston Aug<sup>t</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1800 M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Nichols to Jn<sup>o</sup> Askin rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> & Answ<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>

#### ARRIVAL OF MORAVIAN MISSIONARY

Goshen, Moravian Indian Town,  
River Muskingum 12 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1800

M<sup>r</sup> John Askin,

Dear Sir, The bearer of this is my worthy friend the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Dencke,<sup>33</sup> who arrived here lately from Bethlehem, and

letters and accounts pertaining to him are preserved in the B. H. Coll. His partner for a considerable period was his nephew, Samuel Street of Niagara. At another time he seems to have been in partnership with Robert Nichol. His wife was a granddaughter of Sir William Johnson and Molly Brant. He was lieutenant colonel of the Second Lincoln Militia in the War of 1812, and colonel in 1818. For more than twenty years he was a member of the Legislative Council of Upper Canada. He died in 1837. See Niagara Hist. Soc. pubs., No. 19, pp. 62-63; *ibid.*, No. 22, pp. 57-58; Irving, *op. cit.*, *passim*; and mss. in B. H. Coll., *passim*.

<sup>32</sup> For the career of John Stedman, see *B. H. R.*, I, 108.

<sup>33</sup> Christian Frederick Denkey (Denke, Dencke) had spent several months with Zeis-