

is going to reside as Indian missionary on the River Thames. You, my dear Sir, we have the best cause to regard as a sincere friend and well wisher to the good cause in which he is engaged. As such, on the bare mention of his name & character to you, you will I am sure be happy to render him any civility in your power. I flatter myself also, that on acquaintance, he will acquire your personal esteem. He is desirous to apply himself with zeal to the study of the Chippeway as well as of the Delaware language, with the benevolent intention of endeavoring to make that benighted heathen nation acquainted with the saving truths of the gospel. The loan of a vocabulary of Chippeway words, or any other assistance or advice to promote the speedy acquisition of their language, will be particularly acceptable to him.

Mr and Mrs Zeisberger & Mr Edwards³⁴ unite with me in best respects to Yourself, Mrs Askin & family.

I am very truly Dear Sir Your most obed^t Serv^t

Benjⁿ Mortimer

Addressed: John Askin Esq^{re} Detroit By favor of Rev^d Mr Dencke

Endorsed: Goshon Muskingum Aug^t 12th 1800 The Rev^d Mr Mortimer to Jn^o Askin Rec^d y^e 26th

PROSPECTS OF HUGH HEWARD IN YORK

York 14th Aug^t 1800

Dear Sir I arrived here the 12th Ins^t and was most favourably received by Major Green³⁵ and His Excellency who has appointed me to his Office with Liberty when other Depart-

berger at the Moravian mission at Goshen before his removal to Fairfield on the Thames, as noted in the present document. In 1802, he endeavored to establish a mission at the head of Harsen's Island (letter of Askin, Sept. 20, 1802, printed *post*, 381-82), and he seems to have continued his missionary activities during the years that followed.

The invasion of western Canada by General Harrison, in 1813, compelled the Indians to flee from Fairfield and Denkey and his wife went with them to Burlington Heights, where he conducted a mission for a time, returning with the Indians to Fairfield in 1815. See *History of the Moravian Mission by a Member of the Brethren's Church* (London, 1838), 295 ff. Letters in the B. H. Coll. show that he spelled his name as here printed.

³⁴ For the career of William Edwards, see *B. H. R.*, I, 221, *et passim*.

³⁵ James Green was commissioned lieutenant on Sept. 1, 1779. On May 11, 1795, he was appointed Military Secretary of the Indian Department, and he continued to serve in this capacity as late as the autumn of 1807. Numerous letters to or from him are printed in the *Mich. Pio. Colls.* During most of his service as military secretary, he seems to have