

FROM JAMES MACKLEM TO JOHN ASKIN

Chippawa 1st Oct^r 1800

Dear Sir I have Received your favour of the 18th Ult. which perfectly Satisfies me concerning the Negro, Feathers & Cyder; and you are certainly very Good to give yourself so much trouble for my Accomodation. The Farm & Inclosed Frame (with a Cellar under it) which you mention, I have for some time held at five hundred pounds York; Instalments being the common mode of Receiving payment for Lands: but four hundred & fifty pounds in hand, will purchas it. Should you have any commands, which may be in my power to execute, I hope you will honour me with them.

I am Dear Sir Your Obedient humble Servant

James Macklem

John Askin Esq^r

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Detroit

Endorsed: Chppawa Oct^r 1st 1800 M^r James Macklan
to Jn^o Askin Rec^d y^e 6th Answ^d y^e 20th

AFFRAY OVER BRITISH DESERTER

Detroit Oct the 15th. 1800

My Dear Sir I have just finished a Letter to You in Your Official capacity in Answer to one of Yours. as I learn our friend M^r Heward may leave this About the 20th I would not let him depart without dropping you a line. I know it will give your good Mother & You pleasure to Hear that my Family & your Friends in General in this Quarter are well. An Unlucky accident happened here some Nights ago. a Serjiant from the Other side with some Soldiers, Endeavouring to free a deserter from the British, Over the River Reced. Some Wounds & he also gave the Disarter Several Wounds with his Bayonett of Which the Latter is since Dead. This I apprehend will be a Serious Business & those concerned required by the American Government to

1821, when he was made a trustee of the church of all denominations to be erected in Lundy's Lane. This became the Presbyterian church. See "Some Graves in Lundy's Lane," Niagara Hist. Soc. pubs., No. 22, p. 45; and Ont. Hist Soc., *Papers and Records*, VIII, 225, and XXV, 305-306.