

will naturally think it is our neglect. mention the time we received it.

I shall write to Mr Francis Baby to direct the two Battalions to assemble when I mention'd to you before Please send him the regulation and the Copie of the return to be made the 4th of June. Mr Duff Just arrived from Sandwich. Endeavour to get Mrs Grant for a few days to your house, and then send her to stay [a] few days at Mr Duffs.⁵⁵ It will do her a deal of good. The *ottawa* are loaded with flour. make my love to Mrs Askin and Compliments to Mr Robertson. Jhon [John] your Son told me he comes Soon by land to York I shall hear from you by him. I had a letter to day from Captain M^eKee mentioning his putting off going down till the *Francis* or next Vessel Sail'd Its a doubt with me if he do's not put it off for good & all. 5 oClock Friday 15th It looks a rainy dirty morning. I have the Commissions for Barthe & John. Youl please to make out Barths Company

Sencerely yours

A Grant

Endorsed: Amherstburgh May 14^h 1801 Commodore Grant to Jn^o Askin.

RESPONSE TO ISABELLA GRANT'S SUITOR

Detroit May the 14th 1801

Sir Your letter dated the 8th Feb^y last directed to Alex^r Grant Esq^r was received by him not long since and as he goes to morrow with some other of the Council for York is hurried therefore, has requested of me to answer it which I do conformable to their Mr & Mrs Grants sentiments and what they say the Young Ladys are. Theirs are never to force the inclination of their Children unless when the choice is very improper and as they do not think that the case in the present instance & they find their Daughters

⁵⁵ Phillis (Felicity) Grant, born, Aug. 29, 1782, married Alexander Duff, Jan. 20, 1801. He was the son of Rev. William Duff of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and had lived in Detroit for some years prior to the American occupation. He was subsequently barrack master in Amherstburg, where he died in June, 1809, and was buried in Christ Church yard. He and Mrs. Duff had three children, and their descendants are still found in Amherstburg. Information adapted from biography of Alexander Grant in Ont. Hist. Soc., *Papers and Records*, XXII, 177, and mss. in B. H. Coll.