

knows wither. I believe I had better stay on this side the water, for the present; & keep out of their way.
To John, Askin, Esq^r

Endorsed: Letter & inclosure to John Askin, Esq^r from W. R.

RELATIVES OF JOHN ASKIN⁵⁷

Detroit May the 26^h 1801

Dear sir Your very kind Letter dated the 16 June last at Drimcar reached me so late, that I could not have answered it before the winter Express left this in February & then my Eyes were so sore that I could not. I'm sorry you are disappointed in not finding the Brother you so tenderly seek for I'm the son of a James Askin of [Strabane] in the north of Ireland neither him or any of his Family I Ever heard of has come to this Country & I'm sorry to say I fear they are all dead Except a Sister which I hear is in England I was brought up with my Grandfather John Rae within a mile & an half of Dungannon & on his Death came to this Country. It gives me great pleasure to hear that M^r M^cClintock⁵⁸ was well. I Esteemed him very much. he was a Good Clerk and a worthy young man. I [am] sorry he did not stay with me & take a part of my Business If you see him after you receive this, please Assure him of my best wishes.

I remain with much Esteem Dear Sir

Your most Obedient very humble Servant

M^r James Erskin at Drimcar near Dunleer County of Leith Ireland

AFFAIRS AT GRANT CASTLE

Detroit June the 2^d 1801

My Dear sir Several Letters which I wrote you are still here Owing to M^r Robertson's having lost his Passage both

⁵⁷ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

⁵⁸ Probably James McClintock, a former clerk of Askin, who subsequently returned to Ireland.