

in the *Thames & Nancy* By the *Charlotte* who I Expect Every hour he certainly will go & take this & the Other Letters with him. Johny Askin⁵⁹ was at Gross Point Yesterday & by him M^{rs} Grant desires I may write you to get the Child⁶⁰ from New York by all means & [send her] up here. in this I think she is very [sensible]. she also wishes that no part of the late M^{rs} Wrights Cloths may be sold but that M^r McComb may be directed to forward them to the [this] Place. Johny Grant⁶¹ is just come down all well. M^{rs} Duff at Gross Point. all here well I wrote Doctor McCroskey long since. In haste

Your most truly

Commodore Grant at York

Endorsed: Detroit June the 2^d 1801 John Askin Senior to Commodore Grant at York Copy

NEWS FROM QUEENSTON

Queenstown June 15th 1801

My Dear Sir * * * *⁶² I am on a great many Accounts happy that you have decided to remain at Detroit as upon mature reflection I think it more to your advantage, and in coming here you would be quite at a loss from the unfortunate state of Contention and Strife in which our little Society is at present involved, and from which I see no Prospect of being Soon Extricated.

As I have been a principal though unwillingly in bringing matters to this Crisis I would from a desire to Explain to You my motives and reasons give you a detail of particulars, but as the matter has been by me laid before a Court of Justice I defer biassing any of my friends and trust to a

⁵⁹ Jean B. Askin, for whose career see *B. H. R.*, I, 69.

⁶⁰ Therese Wright, the Commodore's granddaughter, for whom see *ibid.*, 461.

⁶¹ John (Jean) Grant was an adopted son of Alexander Grant. He was brought to Detroit about the year 1781 by a Chippewa war party, returning from a raid upon the American frontier. He was then a child of about three years of age, and ignorant alike of his name and his birthplace. The Grants purchased the waif, gave him a home and name, and reared him to manhood. In 1803 he married Judith Campau of Detroit. He lived at Grosse Pointe until an advanced age and reared a large family. See *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, VI, 78; and sketch in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, III, 299 ff.

⁶² The portion of the letter here omitted deals with various matters of but slight present-day interest.