

of may from Queenstown I expect to hear from him every day. I wish sincerely the Child could arrive before I left Niagara for the upper Country The Chief gos up for certain and in all probability, he & I will keep Company his mother is come from England and at his house I had a letter yesterday from Major Green regarding the Return of the militia for June last. I shall inclose it to Francis Baby for god sake speak to him to send the Return. This letter go's by Captain Elliot—I had not a line from my family which surprizes me.

My love as usual to M^{rs} Askin, Alice Charles James &c. &c.

Friday I think monday we will be dismissed.

The Captain had been here seven or eight days before Therese come over she being prevail^d on to stay at Captain Clauss's. She is here now but says she never will [torn] behind him Again. her absence from him Changed her [torn] for the worse, he gos on as usual taken every [torn] Ga—us & others of that stamp are his attendance

Yours with every kind [torn] for all of you. god almighty may bless you Say

Alex^r Grant

Comp^{ts} to Johnny & his ladie.

John Askin

P. S. The Glorious news of Copenheagon and Gener^l Abercrombie⁷⁶ ho-ra ho-ra for old England A Grant

Remember me to our American friends at Detroit A G.

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Detroit favored by Captain Elliot

Endorsed: York July 4^h 1801 Commodore Grant to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 10th

⁷⁶ Sir Ralph Abercromby (1734-1801), the foremost British general of his time, was given the task in October, 1800, of driving the French out of Egypt. On March 21, 1801, he decisively defeated the French army, but was himself fatally wounded, dying on March 28. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*