

Nadau.⁷⁹ M^r Baby from Indisposition not being able to act has desired me to acquaint you with the Circumstance and Judging that M^r Barths property must be much exposed in the absence of his Man wishes to know whether you & M^r Barth will be security for his appearance at the next General Quarter Sessions.

I remain Dear Sir with respect

Your hbl Serv^t

Will^m Hand

Addressed: John Askin Senior Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: Sandwich Sep^r 14^h 1801 W^m Hands Esq^r to Jn^o Askin Ans^d Same day.

WRECK OF THE *HARLEQUIN*

Detroit September, 21st 1801

John Askin Esq^r

Dear Sir, The arrival of the Sloop (*Good Intent*) on saturday last from Presque Isle, and no accounts of the schooner *Harlequin*, having been seen or heard of confirms me in opinion that her and the Crew are totaly lost.⁸⁰ the stroke is a very severe one for me, the effects of which I shall feel for a long time; perhaps the rest of my days. the loss of my Negro man, will probably be the cause of my loseing the negro woman, who ever since the misfortune happend, has been delirious and is now very Ill, in bed; being now deprived of two of the best servants, in this country, my sittuation is very distressing, unless you will condecend to let your Boy George, remain with me until I can have time to look about for a servant, his Mother is very anxious to have him stay

tained the rank of major. Upon retiring from the army he settled in Brockville, where he died, unmarried, some time in the sixties. See George F. MacDonald's biography of Commodore Grant in Ont. Hist. Soc., *Papers and Records*, XXII, 176, and letters in the Askin papers, *passim*.

⁷⁹ For the Nadeau family line see *B. H. R.*, I, 318. The individual mentioned in the present document has not been identified.

⁸⁰ The clearance of the *Harlequin* (preserved among the Askin papers) shows her to have been a vessel of 28¼ tons burden. She cleared for Presqu' Isle (modern Erie), July 29, 1801; besides a crew of three men, the vessel had three passengers (Dr. Wilkinson, his wife, and a servant man) and a small cargo of government goods consigned to the army quartermaster in Detroit. Of the crew of three men, one was Joseph May, master, and another James May's negro slave here alluded to.