

good famely and believe me to be with great respect Dear
Sir your most obliged Hble Serv^t

David Cowan

J. Asken Esqr Detroit

P. S. M^r Charles brings you a copy of the will Perhaps
Not very exact but you will see By it the Intention and be
able to Judge Better of matters by it. D. Cowan

Endorsed: Amhurstburgh April 18 & 19^h Cap^t Cowen to
Jn^o Askin respecting the funeral of the late Doc^r Harffy

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Detroit.

FAMILY NEWS FOR COMMODORE GRANT

Cote des Outawas June the 8th 1802

My Dear sir Under cover with this you have a Letter
from me relative to the Militia as perhavs you may think
it right to show it to the Governor is the reason I did not
mix any Other matter with with it. M^r Baby having said he
would sett off[f] for York several days ago & not yet gone is
the reason that you will receive several Letters from me at
the same time. I know of little now in this Quarter. on
the other side there is great changes among the Officers &^{ea}
which you are acquainted with. Johny Grant tells us that
Everything is in the best Order at Gross Point the Family
are all well & M^r M^cCormick¹⁹ gives great satisfaction Alex
comes on very well. I have sent word to let him come over
on Saturday next and take one good days play with our
Alex & Johny Askin who comes every Saturday in the after-
noon & return on monday morning I [was] surprised to hear
that our Friend Arthur keeps up such good Order & at the
same time is so fond [of] the Children. I hear Maria²⁰ is
quite afeard of him I thought nothing good [could] keep
her in Order & that poor Jean²¹ is at school also. Some of
your Ladies & our nelly have been constantly during the
court with Allice it ended yesterday & Robertson I hear
has gained one or two of the Gros Point Causes. One of

¹⁹ Arthur McCormick, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 376-77.

²⁰ Maria Julia Grant, born, April 4, 1796, and subsequently the wife of William Robison.

²¹ Jean Cameron Grant, for whom see *ante*, 247.