

with the next opportunity (perhaps an Indian, that comes home) as I am very anxious to receive the due information.

If the matter is duly treated, with the mutual consent of either party, then amity & goodwill, will be the future conductor, but on the contrary, should it be slightly overrun, it could create in time hence, enmity, dispute, quarrel, highly disagreeable to me or the Society, who send me.

In case it should be possible that an exchange of land, should take place, I have surveyed the head of Harsens Island, upon request of the Indians & found it 110 Acres the greatest part of the land is poor, & but little timber or wood on it.

With sentiments of regard & esteem to M^{rs} Askin Yourself & family, I remain D^r Sir

Your sincere friend & humble Serv^t

Christⁿ Fred. Denkey

Harsens Island

Addressed: John Askin Sen^r Esq^r Sandwich.

Endorsed: Harsins Island Sep^r 20th 1802 The Reverend M^r Denkey to Jn^o Askin Rec^d 27th Answ^d Oct^r 15th

GREETINGS FROM COLONEL DE PEYSTER

Mavis Grove, near Dumfries 8 Oct^r 1802

My dear Askin The bearer of this M^r Clarke, son to an old acquaintance, and Brother to my worthy Friend Samuel Clarke of Dumfries, having this instant informed me that he sets off[f] for Gre[e]nnock tomorrow on his way to Niagara, affords me an oppertunity, though an hurried one, of assuring you and M^{rs} Askin and family of M^{rs} DePeyster and my unshaken regard and best wishes. M^r C. will inform you all about us, and tell you what a sober fellow I am growing, owing to the good guidance of one of the best of women. We beg you will remember us kindly to our Friend Grant and his good Lady. and to M^r Hamilton, with such other of our old acquaintances as you think will be glad to hear that we still retain a sense of the many obligations we were under to them during our peregrinations.