

be procured, & then two receipts taken one to be sent to Mr Craigoir[?] the other to remain in office. Tho I shall take an opportunity [to] get to talk to him. no less went up the other day as I am told in the American Packet then nine sett of Stills, and Sixteen more at Presquill so I think we Farmers Will get vent for our grain. So long since you & I has had no correspondance, this scrole will tire you out Remember me in the most affectionate manner to my dear M^{rs} Askin And belive [me] my dear Sir to be you, & yours, kind wisher & Friend

Alex Grant

John Askin Esq^r

I heard the other day that the gentlemen of Detroit honoured themselves or Governor Harrison with given a ball and that two of our daughters was there. And that Mr May was so polite as to go for them to the Point, and had them lodged at his own house which is very kindly of him. tho I never was there. Your Son in law³⁵ took umbrage at Gross Point at M^{rs} Grant, & cursed and sown at the Point some says at M^{rs} Grant. She says [she] never showed more attention to any man than she did to him when there. Donovan was with him when there. I asked Donovan what could offend M^r B. the only thing iritate him because there was not some fine Cherrybounce M^{rs} G. had formerly produced. last year the cherreys failed.

Endorsed: Amherstburgh May 17th 1803 Commodore Grant to Jn^o Askin. Answer^d y^e 18th

INDEBTEDNESS OF CAPT. JOHN WHISTLER³⁶

I was extremely sorry to learn from Charles that you were sued on my account be asured its the last step I ever wish to take against you or any Gentleman If I can by any other means obtain [or] even secure whats due me. I'm convinced there must have [been] some mistake in this matter & if I have the pleasure of seeing you I will convince you it is so I even mentioned to M^r Brush that as you might be pinched

³⁵ The allusion is to Elijah Brush for whom see *ante*, 370.

³⁶ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.