

EARL OF SELKIRK'S ENTERPRISE

Niagara Feby 15 1804

I am this Moment favored with yours of the 2nd & 4^h & shall answer them in succession Flour Corn & Pork shall be provided & perhaps a little Whisky, properly provided, *id est* from the States, Certified &^e &^e

I am Sorry to find that my letter by Burns did not reach you by himself both on his Lordships Acct & yours. his business will in time be profitable, & is most certainly respectable Lord S.⁴⁷ will however be at Detroit himself in the course of next year & will be able to discriminate between Honesty, Intelligence, Plain Dealing & respectability on the one Side, & Vulgarly low Cunning, Over-reaching &^e &^e on the other

A Number of letters to Answer by both Mails Obliges me to Conclude briefly by saying that Neither time or distance shall Obliterate the Sincere & Affectionate regard, felt for yourself & Family, by Dear Sir

Your friend & Humble Serv^t

Rob Nichol

Addressed: John Askin Esq^{re} Strabane Near Sandwich

Endorsed: Fort Erie Feb^r 11^h 1804 M^r Rob^t Nichol to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 25th Answ^d March 1st

AFFAIRS OF THOMAS WILLIAMS AND COMPANY⁴⁸

Near Sandwich March 2^d 1804

Dear Henry I was favoured some time ago with a Letter from you conveying a blank power of Attorney which agreeable to your Ideas and my oppinion I filled up with M^r Brushes name for it appears to me people make payments much sooner to Lawyers (even when they do not sue[])] than to others. M^r Fraser has been very unwell but now is better which is the reason that he has not before now delivered the statement Books Notes &^{ea} to M^r Brush (who I have seen to day) and says he will get them in a

⁴⁷ Thomas Douglas, Fifth Earl of Selkirk (1771-1820), whose colonizing efforts in Canada included the settlement of Baldoon, near modern Wallaceburg, Ont.

⁴⁸ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.