

*Endorsed:* Near Sandwich March 2<sup>d</sup> 1804 Jn<sup>o</sup> Askin to  
Jm<sup>s</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gill Esq<sup>r</sup> at Montreal (Copy)

## NEWS FROM COLONEL DE PEYSTER

Dumfries 11<sup>th</sup> March 1804

My dear Askin Your friendly letter from near Sandwich opposite Hog Island, without a date is truly flattering as it convinces both M<sup>rs</sup> D and myself that you are that steady friend I always supposed you would prove, for it is time alone which is the true touchstone of friendship. You have introduced however a number of new acquaintances all of whom I sincerely wish may prosper. Our old ones I see are made of good tough materials. the Comodores good Lady I fear will however make him tender through too much indulgence. mind to remember us kindly to that Loving couple. Mon Ami Maisonville you say enjoys his Health. *Chant il encore les Vespres?* If so, tell him it is time he should learn some other tune which must not however be a gloomy one. it would misbecome one of a turn of mind so like my own. You'll say this is no small compliment to myself.

The bearer of this M<sup>r</sup> Dickson the Elder, will give you a full account of our Arming in this Quarter for the reception of Bonaparti and his Numerous Attendants. There is so much to be said upon the Subject of that little Corse that I must refer you to printed, and to Verbal accounts. Whilst he may expect a Warm reception in case he has the folly to land in Britain.

My old Indian friends, the Chiefs I mean I hear are mostly dead Particularly Quiouigoushquin and Moneso Bennets fr[i]end Matchiquis. If Wawayachterin the Pottawatomie is living and you see him tell him that I have not forgot him nor any of my Huron friends.

Your friend M<sup>rs</sup> DePeyster you may tell M<sup>rs</sup> Askin is as happy as the day is long and Sleeps all Night as sound as a top. I have my health thank God, and must still have some small share of activity or I could not justify in these busteling times having accepted of a Deputy Lieutenancy of the County with the Command of a Regiment of Volunteers as fine a set of fellows as you ever beheld. If I begin the other side of this paper I shall write it full, and thereby