

might get something Hand[so]me for myself and others that I could not think that I was doing my Duty [to] those who confided in me to let such an opportunity slip in particular as two of the concerned are burnt out & have not of their own a loaf of bread. I thank God I want nothing but property to do as I could wish My Health and spirits are as good as ever. Yesterday 33 years married all which time I thank my God I have lived in Peace with my family and on my childrens account never had an unhappy day. When I go (according to the present prospect) After my Debt¹⁶ paid I fear little will remain for the family I could have wished it otherwise, but at same time it does not grieve me. I think their Characters will make them friends which last when money is gone. That has been my case and the same providence which has carried me through I rely on will watch over them so long as their actions will bear the Test & I hope that ever will be the case and that envy itself will not be able to say that my family live at their ease at the expence of others. When I began this Letter I meant only to say a few words. I find I have been preaching. Old people are fond of talking when it is to [a] steady friend. May all the happinsses of this life & that to come attend you and yours are the sincere wishes & Prayers of Mr^s Askin as well as

Your unchangeable Friend

John Askin

Isaac Todd Esq^r at Montreal

Endorsed: Sandwich June 22^d 1805 Jn^o Askin to Isaac Todd Esq^r

OUTCOME OF THE CUAYHOGA DREAM

Detroit 8th July 1805

Dear sir I arrived here last evening exhausted with fatigue from the dis[a]greeable voige to Sandwich, the particulars of which I have not time now to relate but the first Leisure moment I shall go over and see you. I have not however succeeded in so well as I had reason some

¹⁶ The words, "Mr. McGill and Robe[rt]son," are interlined at this point in the manuscript.