

Occur before I reach Montreal, You shall again hear from me

Be sure [to] say something short, civil, and *new* for me to Maisonville, and my Friends at L'Assomption, give my best and Sincere Regards to M^{rs} and Miss Askin and best Wishes to M^r Robertson M^{rs} England waits for my Pen to Assure M^{rs} and Miss Askin how sensible she is of their Goodness to her

Shou'd there be a *proper* Opportunity convince those Scoundrels that so basely deserted from the 20th Reg^t That His Majesty, and the British Government has Friends on his Side of the Detroit River. I will pay Five Pounds N Y C^y for every One of them delivered to the Officer Commanding at Malden, On his Certificate being sent me

I am My Dear Sir with great [torn] very Sincerely and most Faithfully Ever Yours

R. G. England

John Askin Esq^r &c &c

Addressed: To John Askin Esq^r &c &c Detroit

From: R. G. England

Endorsed: Detroit July 18^h 1796 from Colonel England to Jn^o Askin rec^d y^e 26^h & Answ^d y^e 30^h

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO COLONEL RICHARD ENGLAND

Detroit July 30^h 1796

Dear Sir It was with no small degree of Pleasure I received Your very Obliging Letter of the 18 Ins^t Announcing the Safe Arrival of you & your Worthy Family at Fort Erie. M^{rs} Englands not being sick on this Passage added much to Our satisfaction.

Your great goodness has much over rated our poor little Attention to your good Family. I can however with great truth say we possess the Inclination, but it has pleased Fortune to put the means out of Our Power. By the way of Michilimackinac we some time Ago learn[ed] of the Arrival of the Frigate for Lord Dorchester & Armed Vessell for L^t G Simcoe. was it to be our good Fortune for you to replace the latter, in this Quarter I'm sure it would give almost General Satisfaction for I dayly find that mankinds sentiments of a Person in Authority is Seldom known when they are present