

ness & losing the letters for all you good floks [folks] above. I'm tempt now to write from the good oppertunity of a Captain Muir³¹ of this Garrison ordered to Join the Garrison of St^t Joseph, L^t Colonel Proctor, Comd^t at this Garrison & the rest of the Gentlemen of the 41st Reg^t are pleasant men. them, & I, are on very good footing as I endeavour to be with everybody. As I told you before I live at M^r Allans. the Military has positive orders not to interfere with the Government house to be left intirely for the L^t Governor or the person administering the Government, so it rest[s] quite Empty. The August packet is come in, by which I have received many dispatches. The Earl of Camden who was minister of State for the Colonial & war Department is now Succeeded by your Countryman Lord Castlereagh There is some reports which god grant may be true that Lord Gardener has had a battle with the Brest fleet,³² has taken 6 and sunk three. The hundereth Regim^t is come 800 strong & the 6 Reg^t gos home Remember me to my dear friend M^{rs} Askin the young Gentlemen & Nelly M^r & M^{rs} Bush who I hope will be able to make out of some part of Robertson's property what will pay the interest of his account & what will indemnify himself for his trouble

When the Post begins to go, I expect to hear from you by every one to know how both familys are.

Sincerely Yours

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³¹ Adam C. Muir was commissioned adjutant of the Forty-first Regiment on Sept. 30, 1793, and may have come to Canada in 1800, when the first battalion of the regiment was sent to America. In 1805 he was stationed at Amherstburg, and in December precipitated an affray at Detroit by his attempt to apprehend here a deserter from the Amherstburg garrison. For this he was sentenced by Judge Woodward to be fined and imprisoned but the latter part of the sentence was not inflicted. Shortly prior to this affair Muir had been appointed to the command of Fort St. Joseph, but he seems not to have reached his station until the spring of 1806. In September, 1811, he assumed the command of Fort Amherstburg, where he remained until the opening of war the following summer. He participated in most of the battles in the Detroit area; commanded the British force at Brownstown; and following Hull's surrender was in command of Detroit for a brief period. In September, 1812, he led a combined British-Indian expedition against Fort Wayne, but the advance of General Winchester to the Maumee compelled him to beat a hasty retreat to Amherstburg. His service on the western front was terminated by the defeat of General Procter at the battle of the Thames in October, 1813, when Muir (now a major by brevet) was captured and conveyed to an American prison. No record has been found of his subsequent career. Data derived from British army lists and documents in *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*; and Casselman, *op. cit.*, *passim*.

³² Napoleon had long been devoting his energies to his grand project for invading Eng-