

sorry to say that Captain Ernest⁵⁴ seems to be missing no account where he is or whats become of him. The repairs of your House at Gross Point I believe Mr^s Grant will put off untill you return

Not recollecting anything further necessary to mention at present I shall conclude with our best wishes for all your Health & happiness and assurance that I am always My Dear Sir

yours most Sincerely

P. S. We had a Letter from Mr^s Meredith dated the 31st December all well as well as also Mr^r Mercers Family.

Should a new Commission [be] Issued I once before recommended Captain M^cKee Mr^r Barsto and Mr^r George Jacobs⁵⁵ as fit people for Magistrates now Mr^r Iredells Dead River Thames has very few.

The Honorable Alex^r Grant Esquire. Administering the Government at York

Endorsed: Strabane May 28, 1806. John Askin Sen^r to The Honorable Al^r Grant York

UNIFORMS FOR ESSEX MILITIA

Amherstburg 7th June 1806

Dear Sir I have the pleasure to acknowledge, the receipt of your very kind letter, on the subject of my expected Promotion in the Infantry of your Regiment of Militia which I look forward to with infinite satisfaction; and in consequence lost no time in getting your letter (To His Honor the President) on Board of the *Caledonia*, which is by this well on to Fort Erie.

I am excessively happy to inform you, that my Uniform on the 4th gave very general satisfaction so much, that, immediately after the Battalion were dismissed, I got several Recruits, of people of that Class which I am sure will meet your approbation, in fact being of the first.

I can with great propriety, say that the Dress is very handsome, and indeed Elegant, without being dear or extravagant; To tell the truth, the officers of Colonel Elliotts

⁵⁴ Matthew Ernest, for whom see *ante*, 114.

⁵⁵ For the career of George Jacob, see *B. H. R.*, I, 307.