

Battalion, as well as himself, were so much eclipsed, that they appeared perfectly ashamed of themselves.

Johnny & I intend going up to pay our respects to you, as soon as he can get his Uniform made, which is his Coat only, having the rest of the Dress already; several others are making their Preparations, with a degree of emulation. among the rest of my Recruits, is the Count Bobby Reynolds,⁵⁶ who conceives himself a great Equestrian We are all well here, & beg to be remembered to you M^{rs} Askin, & the rest of the Family, in terms of the Profoundest respect & affection,

Dear Sir most respectfully & truly Your obedient Humble Servant

T. M^cKee

John Askin Esquire

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Strabane M^r Woods is requested to forward this as soon as possible

Endorsed: June 7^h 1806 Cap^t M^cKee to Jn^o Askin

FROM ISAAC TODD TO JOHN ASKIN

Montreal 15th June 1806

My dear Askin I got here on thursday after my arrival in England I was 4 Months confined to my Room and from Pain & Sickness much reduced After I began to recover it

⁵⁶ Robert Reynolds was a son of Thomas Reynolds of Detroit and (later) Amherstburg for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 308. Robert was born in Detroit in 1781, and was still living at his home near Amherstburg as late as 1864. On Nov. 6, 1803, he married Therese Bouchette DesRivières, who was a daughter of Jean Baptiste Bouchette, a captain in the British naval establishment on Lake Ontario. Prior to her union with Reynolds she had married Thomas Hypolite DesRivières, youngest son of Mrs. James McGill by her first marriage (with Joseph Amable Trotier dit DesRivières), who was a captain in the Sixtieth Regiment. In 1801, or shortly prior thereto, he was killed in a duel with a fellow-officer, leaving, besides his widow, a son, James McGill DesRivières. It is this child who is mentioned in James McGill's will as the stepson of Robert Reynolds. See *post*, 777.

The St. John's Church Register records the birth of four sons and one daughter to Robert Reynolds and his wife in the years 1805-17. The daughter, born, April 4, 1809, was named Jean Charlotte McGill Reynolds, and the names of Charlotte and James McGill (evidently signed by someone else) appear as sponsors.

Reynolds, like his father, was commissary in the British military establishment. The fine home he built facing the river road, a short distance below Amherstburg, is still standing. An interesting old-age narrative of his military experiences is given in Coffin, *op. cit.*, 195 ff. See also Casselman, *op. cit.*, 133; entries in St. John's Church Register; and *Bull. Recherches Hist.*, XXIX, 86-88.