

Man One of the present Commissioners told was [said] without being asked, that he did not see how any Claim of a British Subject could be rejected that would have been admitted had we continued to keep the Country. The Commissioners I believe wish to Copy what ours have done & the Governor has examined our Law Respecting Claimants to Land & I believe wishes much that Congress may pass a similar one.

From the great scarcity of Money. I fear Harvy will not pay his Note this Fall. but the Money is sure & the Note bears Interest, Though he suffered by the Fire he has built a good new House and carries his Business (which is that of a Baker to good advantage.

Our fall wheat here is good and owing to the dry season will be ready to cut in a Week but I fear the Indian Corn & Oats and most grain sown this Spring

Though much pinched for Money we enjoy good Health Peace & Appearance of Plenty of Bread. M^{rs} Askin joins me in best Compliments to M^{rs} McGill & I remain My Dear Sir, y^r ever obliged very humble Servant

P. S. I formerly mentioned that I was carrying on a suit to recover the Money due M^r Todd on a mortgage

James McGill Esquire.

Endorsed: (Copy) July 5th 1806 Jn^o Askin to James McGill Esq^r at Montreal.

NEWS FROM YORK

York the 18th of July 1806

Dear James Yesterday the *Earl of Moira* arrived here from Niagara and in her, my Cousins Archange Phillis & Nancy⁵⁹ Miss Wright & W^m Duff⁶⁰ on a visit to my Uncle. I was very much disappointed in not receiving a line from my Father or any of the Family by them. I think now that his letters to my Uncle and myself are lost on the road

⁵⁹ Daughters of Alexander Grant; Archange was the wife of Thomas Dickson, and Phillis the wife of Alexander Duff; Nancy (or Ann) later married Simon Maillet of Detroit.

⁶⁰ William Duff was a son of Rev. William Duff of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and a brother of Alexander, for whom see *ante*, 338. On Jan. 25, 1810, he married in Sandwich, Susanne McGregor, daughter of Gregor McGregor and Regina Susanne Robert, for whom