

APPOINTMENT TO CLERKSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

St Joseph's 22^d June 1807

My Dear Father, This goes by Le Gros Fusil an Ottawa Chief & his Band who are on their way to Amherstburg, This man is well acquainted with you he says. his Son wintered with Cap^t McKeel last winter & knows James & Alexander having mentioned their names several times since his return to this. No doubt but they will request a Drink (if so) please let them have a Gallon of Whisky & I'll make it good to you again, & a few Loaves of bread should they be in want, I mean two or three Loaves. As the Governor is with you I beg that you'll have the Goodness to employ those who are his favorites to endeavour to obtain the Clerkship for me, as an Interpreter is on his way to this, which will reduce my pay to 4/8 H per day & not sufficient to support me much less to pay my debts. As your the best Judge of what is to be done I shall wait, impatiently for an answer on that subject by the first Vessel. I wrote you on the 17th which will go by the *Nancy* Now on her return from St Marys.

If Sam is as desirous now of coming to see me, as he was last Winter, he can take a passage with these Indians when they return.

Madelaine joins me in best wishes for Your & my Dear Mothers Health & prosperity. our Love to My Brothers & Sisters

I remain My Dear Father Your dutiful Son

Jn^o Askin JrJohn Askin Esq^r Strabane

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Strabane Upper Canada By the Great Gun an Ottawa Chief

Endorsed: St Joseph 22^d June 1807 John Askin Jun^r to John Askin Recv^d the 7^h July answe^d y^e 11th

LAND TITLES AND MILITIA ACTIVITIES

Strabane June 27 1807

Dear Sir, About the time I wrote you last, I had a Letter from you dated the 24th of May with much News which I thank you for. I hear Captain Gilkinson is like to get a