

for this purpose I have chosen young LaButte's Company under the Command of Major M^eKee I do not from this mean that either them or the Artillery should be separate Corps but all still belong to my Regiment or rather Legion I suppose it would then be called. I have chosen a sett of fine young Men for Captain Pattinson's light Infantry and he is [to] let them have their Clothes for first Cost and expences. Maisenville and Woods means to do the same we therefore hope soon to make a pretty appearance should the Lieu^t Governor Honor us with a Visit. I cannot get Scarlett but M^{rs} Grant having gave her Cloak to Mother [illegible], I will get that which is better than such Scarlett as is now imported. When you find his Excellency at leasure you can mention these Planns respecting the Militia to him

By a Letter from M^r Hamilton I expected to have seen Alex^r Grant before this. what Joy his mother will experience on his arrival.

Doct^r Richardson has been very unwell and [is] still weak. The rest of our Family [are] in tolerable health which Blessing may you long enjoy is the sincere wish of

My Dear Sir Your sincere Friend

The Honorable Alex^r Grant Esq^r at York

Endorsed: Strabane June 27, 1807 John Askin Sen
to The Honorable Alex^r Grant Esq^r at York (Copy)

CONDITIONS AT ST. JOSEPH

St Joseph's 4th July 1807

My Dear Father I will not undertake to give you a detail of our Voyage to this as my Dear Madelaine has done it fully I believe to my Dear Mother, nor will I distress you nor my relations in detailing the horrid Ideas I have of the Island. I may reconcile myself to it in time, but the Moment that I have accumulated a Sufficiency to Pay my debts & purchase a good Situation near you I shall depart unless some unforeseen accident should happen in the interim.

Old Chaboiller Seems to be very happy of my relieving him. he says that he will go to lower Canada in One Month. I have not as yet taken charge of the Store but a Survey is