

this place on Account of Ducks Rabbits Hares & pheasants but they must have all been eat by him, for I have not cast my eyes on any yet.

Madelaine and the Children are well. She presents her love to you & my Dear Mother. Please assure M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Barthe of our best wishes for their welfare & family & hope they have not been visited by the fever this year. Accept my sincere wishes for your & my Dear Mothers Health My love to my Brothers & Sisters

I remain Dear Father Y<sup>r</sup> Dutiful Son

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Jn<sup>o</sup> Askin Senior Rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> and Answ<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>h</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>

#### PREPARATIONS FOR WAR IN DETROIT

Strabane Sep<sup>t</sup> 4<sup>h</sup> 1807

My Dear Friend. Your mighty kind Letter dated at Queenston 25<sup>th</sup> July last came to hand on the 21 of last Month and I do assure you it was a great Mortification to me not being able to attend to your Friendly Appointment and taking so good and Worthy a Man as M<sup>r</sup> Frobisher by the Hand, but as Voyages agrees with You and not with me, why my Dear Sir, not come this length next Summer if the Country should get into a settled state which I hope and believe will be the Case at present preparations are still making for War, though nothing offensive committed as yet against us however our run Away Negroes have had Arms given them & Mount Guard I was for a certain time also kept busy endeavouring to get the Militia into some Order, but our Laws gives so little power [to call] them out on certain occasions that not much has been done and they now do no more Duty. Our Neighbours on the Contrary have their Militia constantly out, I think not less in General than once a Week and sometimes oftener. they are realy well disciplined and you must think it grieves me much who is Colonel not to have it in my Power to do as much as I