

in assuring you of their loving remembrance. Adieu, my dear Mother. Give my love to my dear Father and to Nelly, James, and Alexander. Please give my regards to Mr. and Mrs. Barthe. I hope that they enjoy good health. Again adieu.

Your fond and affectionate daughter,

Madelaine Askin

P. S. I am sending a little mocock of sugar to my dear Nelly, and am sorry that I have no time to write to her. The boat is just leaving. M. Askin

WARLIKE MEASURES AT MACKINAC

S^t Joseph's 13th Oct 1807

My Dear Father, The *Caledonia* is just hove in sight & affords me only time to acquaint you that Johnny is a prisoner at M^cKina the [he] left this on the 4th Ins^t with M^r Chiniquy the Collector to visit L'arbe au Croche & on his return stopt'd at Makina & there was arrested by the Commandant Lieu^t Cross³⁴ [h]is reasons for Arresting them was that he suspected they went to that place to Tamper with the Indians in Order to have them in readiness in Case War declared by Great Britain. I Certainly do not believe he means to detain them long it appears that Hoffman & an Interpreter went to get information & they are expected back therefore as they are [not] Culpable of any unlawful Act, must be released Johnny does not seem uneasy therefore I expect him back shortly. If [t]he Commandant had *de quoy* I Certainly would have advised M^r Brush to prosecute him for false imprisonment, but the Information I rec^d is that he spends his pay before it becomes due I consequently must put up with it & Johnny look out better another time The men I sent up to the Sault S^t Marys had not reached it before the *Caledonia* left it. therefore you'll be deprived of white fish till the *Hunter* or *Nancy* arrives. Madelaine sends a shawl to my

³⁴ Joseph Cross of Massachusetts was commissioned lieutenant in the First Artillerists and Engineers, Feb. 16, 1801. He became captain, Nov. 7, 1808, and was cashiered, May 20, 1813. The length of his service at Mackinac has not been learned. See Heitman, *Reg. U. S. A.*