

& some earth in it to prevent them going to decay or getting dried. We unfortunately lost all our plant[s] of the tree onion. they were all pulled up by Capt Derenzies⁴⁰ men after Capt True⁴¹ left this by mistake & left out in a frosty night by which means there were all frozen & un-serviceable a few Echallots & Garlic would be very acceptable. you'll undoubtedly think I'm a great beggar No wonder I have so many Indians about me Continually who are in the same habit, that I'm become a perfect Indian in that way. I'm afraid Madelaine will not be able to write my Dear Mother for Capt M. finds the season so far advanced that he will give us hardly time to write. I send an Indian sack full of Cramberry for Alice which is all I could procure for the present.

Madelaine & the Children joins me prayers for your & My Dear Mothers Health & welfare. Our Love to my Brothers & sisters. Comp^{ts} to Mr & Mrs Barthe & Louison
I remain My Dear Father Your Dutiful Son

Jn^o Askin Jr

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If you have any influence with the Members of Parliament or any other at York to Recommend Mr Louis Crawford who is one of the partners of South West C^o & a residenter at this place to Act with me in cases unavoidable I should be happy I do assure you he is a well informed man & well educated and as good a Character as ever Trodd Terra ferma Mr Hamilton is well acquainted with him from the acquaintance I have of him I know of no better person & well inclined to do good to all his fellow Creatures.

N. B. two Barr^{ls} are headed & two unheaded Take the largest of those headed & other headed for Brush & other unheaded for Mr Pelter the fourth goes to Malden for Capt Hall I'm sorry that I could not get an other Barr^l for Richardson however I believe that Capt Mills will

⁴⁰ William Derenzy, commissioned captain in the Forty-first Regiment, June 25, 1803. In November, 1805, he was at Amherstburg, where he served on a board of inquiry into the loss of the schooner *Hope*. He was still in Canada as late as the summer of 1813, being commended by General Sheaffe for his conduct in the battle of Queenston, Oct. 13, 1812. See British army list for 1804; *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*.

⁴¹ Apparently Arthur True, who was commissioned a lieutenant in the Forty-first Regiment, Feb. 2, 1796. On Aug. 6, 1809, he stood sponsor at the baptism of a child in Sandwich. See British army lists and St. John's Church Register.