

be generous w^h his friends below as he has a number of Barrels. Johnny is on a fishing party but not yet ret^d.

If M^cKay⁴² can collect me the newspapers for the opening of the Navigation I will be thankfull M^r Woods of Sandwich was to have paid whatever duties were due to Government to the Receiver General at my departure. it was the am^t of the Duties he Collected that was in arrears I'm afraid he has not fulfilled his promise I'll thank you to speak to him on the subject & if unpaid hope he will discharge the same without [loss] of time & should you have any doubt of his non compliance write to M^r Allan to discharge it & let me know the amo^t to the 1st June last. I will send a draft on my agent at Montreal to repay him, tho at the same [time] it would be an extreame hardship for me to pay & M^r Woods has benefitted the whole. I have not re^d a Line from him since I left Amherstburg on any subject whatever.

Capt Cowan or Capt Elliott may be of service on the Occasion. & any advice they may deem proper to give me on that head can be left wth M^r Allan untill our Winters Courier arrives & will bring their Letter to me

Tell my Friend M^cKay that I'm afraid I will not have time to write him. I'm thankful to M^{rs} Badishon for the Apples & hope I will be able to send her something in the spring.

ESSEX MILITIA MUSTERED

Sandwich 7th Decb^r 1807

Sir Having received instructions from His Excellency the Governor, enjoining me to have the Militia under my command in readiness at the shortest notice, you will therefore be pleased to order your Battalion out on friday next the 11th instant at eleven Oclock to parade before the Church of L'Assumption which I purpose to review Muster &c &c

⁴² Probably Alexander McKay (Mackay), one of three brothers who were active in the Northwest fur trade. Alexander entered the service of the North West Company soon after its formation, and in 1804 became a partner. In 1793, he accompanied Sir Alexander MacKenzie on his famous journey of exploration across the continent to the Pacific. In 1810, he joined Astor's Pacific Fur Company. He was one of the victims of the Tonquin massacre on the Northwest Coast the following year. See Wallace, *op. cit.*