

I am Sir Your most obedient Humble Servant

F. Baby

Lieut of the County of Essex

Colonel Askin

Addressed: H. M. S. Colonel Askin Commanding the Southern Battalion of the Essex Militia

Endorsed: Sandwich Dec^r y^e 7th 1807 The L^t of the County to Col Askin delivered by Andri La Balaine After 12 Oclock the 8th

ABSENCE FROM MILITIA MUSTER

To John Askin Esquire, Colonel Commanding the Northern Reg^t of Essex Militia

Sir, Impressed with the Idea of our being highly censured for not appearing in time on Parade last Friday, Yet, conscious of our loyalty, and with a strong wish to appear on that day at the Muster; We sett off from this at 9 o'Clock that Morning on good Horses, but the preceding Night it having rain'd and froze towards day made the Roads so very bad, that we were nearly four hours going to Sandwich, which at other times can easily be done in two; This being the true statement of the case, We request that no wrong Impression be entertained in consequence of our not appearing at the appointed hour that day. We have also a hope that from our having done our utmost to arrive in time, You will not put us on a footing with delinquents, and exempt us from the Fine.

We remain with great regard & consideration, Sir

Your most humble Servants

A. Maisonville

Amherstburgh 14 Dec^r 1807

Cap^t. N.R.E.M

W^m Smith

L^t & Adj^t N R E M

Addressed: To Colonel John Askin Commanding the Northern Reg^t of Essex Militia Strabane

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