

COUNTY LIEUTENANCY RESTORED TO COMMODORE GRANT

Amherstburg 4th Jan. 1808

Dear Sir My being re[e]stablished in the Lieutenancy of this County was very unexpected & of which I never dreamed, with a very friendly letter from the Lieu^t Governor expressing his Concern from being missinformed and had ordered a new Commission to be made out for me to Supersede M^r Baby.

I received a nother letter from the Chief Justice making also an apologie for the Governors Misstake and Says there is no man in the Province Sorryer for the Misstake than the Governor himself. The Governor says in his letter I must insist your accting the Lieutenancy. I received your letter of the 30th Ult^{mo} I will not be in a hurry in nominating any deputy for some time. You Colonels I think can carry on the Duty Many thanks to you & M^{rs} Askin for your kind wishes for me, have no account of M^r Charles returning. I am told that the late Lieut had a certain portion of Militia Men assembled every Sunday after the French Church come out & during the time of Service of the English Church Exerc[is]ing⁴³ You must point out Some other day than Sunday. I have the pleasure also of telling you & M^{rs} Askin that my Salary while President is received with a very Satisfactory letter from our old friend M^r Todd—but my dear Sir, the deduction of property Tax—6 per cent for geting the money by bill to this Country has almost run away with [an] astonishing portion of the Sum, but it's being an accedental God Send I must be Content

M^{rs} Grant was so glad at my being Superseded in the Lieu^{tey} that I suppose she will be displeased now Remember me Sincerely to M^{rs} Askin & family.

God bless you and them

A Grant

John Askin Esq^r

P. S. I am thanks be to my maker geting very hearty &

⁴³ On this subject, see the correspondence between Askin and Richard Pollard printed *ante*, 563-64.