

strong my kind letters from M^r Todd and from [my] Wife enlivens me A. G.

Addressed: John Asking Esq^r Strabane

Endorsed: Amherstburgh Jan^y 4^h 1808 Commodore Grant to Jn^o Askin Rec^d y^e 6th.

ARTILLERY SALUTE ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Petit Cote 9th Jan^y 1808

Dear Sir I cannot account how I neglected the principal cause of my calling upon You Yesterday, which was to learn if Your Regiment were to Parade in Sandwich on the Queens Birthday, as you did on the 4th of June last. If so I will bring up my field peice with 21 Rounds of Powder, & according to Custom fire 7 Rounds first, then a Volley from Your Regiment & then seven more Rounds from Me &ca. By which Your Regiment will give the last fire.

I am D^r Sir Yours truly

W Park

John Askin Sen^r Esq^r

Addressed: John Askin Sen^r Esquire Strabane

Endorsed: Petite Cote Jan^y 9th 1808 W^m Park Esq^r to Jn^o Askin

CONDITIONS AT ST. JOSEPH⁴⁴

S^t Joseph's 13th Jan^y 1808

My Dear Brother Tho you have not thought proper to Answer my sundry favours yet I'm determined not to discontinue writing in expectation that at some time or other you will recollect that I'm your Brother & then deign to answer my Epistle's. For my part I cannot think you can make a reasonable apology for not writing. the Vessels ply continually during the summer Months & every Winter an Express leaves this in Jan^y for York & returns from York thats to say leaves York about the 1st of Feb^y for this. Should you condescend to write After this Winter (this being to late for you) you can address your Letters

⁴⁴ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.