

Assemblies & other mode of Amusement has commenced. Our Society is verry small being composed of Cap^t Derenzy, Capt & M^{rs} Muir M^r & M^{rs} Crawford, L^t Craddock⁴⁷ Doct^r Davis & our Family. Thanks to *God* no set of people are more sociable & united than we are, & want no medical Assistance to make us eat our Rations. The Winter has set in verry early & extreamely severe. We have from 5 to 6 feet of snow in some places, but generally 4 feet in the woods, which has prevented the hawling of fuel. The Makina C^o are making great improvements at this place. they have erected a large store House 80 by 40 feet, besides Timber for two others of the same dimentions & a dwelling House to be 120 feet by 50 & 16 feet post. M^r Louis Crawford is the agent & partner at this [place]. Madelaine Joins me in Requesting you'll present our sincere wishes to M^r & M^{rs} Dickson for their Welfare. My Respects to M^r Hamilton & my Love to Robert & his Brothers. Madelaine John & Therese joins me in praying the Master for your Health & prosperity

I remain My Dear Brother Most Affectionately

Jn^o Askin Jr

M^r Cha^s Askin Queenston

Addressed: M^r Charles Askin Queenston

Endorsed: S^t Josephs 13th Jan^y 1808 From John Askin
Jun^r Rec^d the 10th F^eb^y.

CONDITIONS AT ST. JOSEPH

S^t Joseph's 14th Jan^y 1808

My Dear Father, This goes by our Express to York & [I] hope it will reach you some time in [the] next Month As this Courier returns immediately to this It will be impossible for me to hear from you before the opening of the Navigation.

In my last per the *Nancy*, I gave you advice of Madelaines sending Towels of course linen to my Dear Mother. I'm sorry I deceived you, thro the Negligence of Sam the Vagabond who had taken them to the Beach with a Keg

⁴⁷ Hedges Craddock, commissioned lieutenant in the Forty-first Regiment, June 25, 1803. No record of his service in Canada has been found.