

the Embargo act pretty far here for the people can't go over to the Mills. I have no more news, but that we are all well. Weddings, M^r Godfroy & Miss May⁵⁶ were married yesterday, & M^r Hickman & Miss Hull⁵⁷ are to be married today or tomorrow. I remain

Dear Brother in hopes of seeing you next month, as I understood you was coming.

Your forever affectionate Brother
Alex^r D. Askin

Addressed: M^r Charles Askin at Queenstown Favored per M^r Jones.

Endorsed: April 28th 1808 From Alex^r Askin.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND WAR CLOUDS

Amherstburg 6th May 1808

My dear Sir I was favoured with Yours [a] few days Ago by the Chairmaker and would certainly give him part of the money, but cannot get any for bills. So hard to get money here that the Sailors, which is a great shame, has had no pay this five months. Reynolds Says he cannot get money whos bills are immediately answered geting any thing from here to your place is very precarious. I therefore wrote Gilkinson to use his influence with my best respects with

⁵⁶ For the Godfroy family line, see *ibid.*, 63; for the line of James May, see *ibid.*, 307. Gabriel Godfroy, son of Gabriel Jacques Godfroy and Mary Couture and grandson of Jacques Godfroy and Louisa Clotilda Chapoton, was born in Detroit on July 3, 1783. He married Elizabeth Ann, daughter of James May and Rose St. Cosme, April 27, 1808. They were the parents of fourteen children, born in the period, 1808-32. He died in 1848. Data derived from Denissen, *op. cit.*

⁵⁷ Harris Hampden Hickman married Ann Binney Hull, daughter of Governor William Hull, April 28, 1808. Hickman was a lawyer who is said to have come to Detroit from Virginia. In 1807, he served as captain in a militia battalion which was mustered for service during the pending excitement over difficulties with Great Britain. In the spring of 1810, he was appointed by the President collector of customs at Mackinac, but the Senate refused to confirm the appointment; whether he actually entered upon the duties of the office, we have not learned. He was commissioned captain in the Nineteenth U. S. Infantry, March 12, 1812, and contemporary papers in the B. H. Coll. disclose that, in December, 1814, and January, 1815, he was commandant of Detroit. He was honorably discharged from the army on June 15, 1815. A letter of William Woodbridge, Jan. 12, 1822, states that Hickman had not been a resident of Detroit for several years past, while one written by Governor Hull to Solomon Sibley, May 6, 1820, discloses that Mrs. Hickman was then living in Hollowell, Me. They were the parents of two children, Anna, born in 1809, and Sarah, born, June 19, 1811. Data derived from mss. in B. H. Coll., *passim*; Mich. Pio. Colls., *passim*; Heitman, *Reg. U. S. A.*; and Weygant, *Hull Family*, *passim*.