

ACTIVITIES OF ASKIN FAMILY²

Strabane July the 5th 1809

My Dear John, Your mother and I were relieved from a great deal of anxiety relative to your health (occasioned by your Letter per the *Hunter*) by the receipt of your two Letters per the *Nancy* which has given us great hopes of your being soon in perfect health. We recieved every thing you mention having sent us & for which we are very thankful. what you sent for others have been delivered & M^{rs} Badeshon is to send you every faul a barrel of apples such as you have already got & you are to send her a bark of sugar for each, ab^t 30 lbs weight, will be right between you. poor Barthe is very thankful for what you send him & God knows poor fellow he stands in much need of help & we are not so well able as formerly to assist him: the Nuts left last faul will go in the *Nancy*. I went to Sandwich yesterday & agreed with M^r Pattenson to order from the Riv. Trenche an american ox such as you want but something larger, as the Vessel can take but one for you. I have plenty of good breeding sows therefore needless to purchase. her with all the geese you[r] mother has and which she send[s] Madlaine will be shipt Likewise. your mother desires you to send her a good buffaloe skin for winter, as all those which we had have been lo[a]ned about by the boys so, that not one remains. this is all we want, for as we have reduced the family as to servants we hope to make this serve us the year through, for to buy & pay for it or almost any thing else has now become not an easy job. Charles is gone to meet M^r Todd at Queenstown. that good man is always trying to serve the family, but the situation of barrack master for Charles is not to my liking; I hate to see a young man penned up in a garrison. if poor Richardson could get it with what he has to assist a large family, I would be very glad. I do not know of a more deserving man. he has done everything a Friend could do for another to preserve the Life of poor Duff and when he failed in that has shewn such kindness to that Family as merits real praise

Colonel Merediths Death is a Misfortune, but we must

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