

1 D^o D^o from us, so poor this Year not worth sending
 1 Crock Comfiture from your Mother to Madlaine
 3 pairs of white stockings your Mother had knit for
 Madelaine.

no gray worsted could be got spun, and M^{rs} A. had only
 white

Charles & Alex^r Hamilton just Arrived & well

Endorsed: Strabane September the 13th & 22ⁿ 1809 John
 Askin Sen^r to John Askin Junior Esq (Copy)

NEEDS OF THE ASKIN FAMILY

Strabane September 13th 1809

My Dear Friend I mean this Letter to contain little
 more than what relates to my Family with which more or
 less its probable you will be troubled all the days of your
 life the inclination you have always shewn to serve man-
 kind in general & me in particular is the cause of my trou-
 bling you so frequently. I will begin with my Son in Law
 Doctor Richardson at Amherstburgh. I wrote you & my
 Worthy Friend M^r James M^cGill long sence relative to him
 & as I never got an answer on that subject I have reason to
 suppose the Letter miscarried. what I requested was both
 your interests with the Commander in Chief to get him the
 place of Barrack Master provided the former one was put
 out of Office but not otherwise. this I believe is the case.
 I know Doctor Richardson [is] as capable of doing the duty
 as any one can be got, and am sure [he] will do it in such a
 manner as will give satisfaction to him who invests him with
 the charge. he is an excellent good character, much liked,
 but so loaded with a large Family that notwithstanding the
 utmost Oeconomy, & great Sobriety, his income as Surgeons
 mate to the Garrison, District Judge which fetches him little
 or nothing, and his present practice does not furnish near
 sufficient to keep pace with his absolute necessary expences.
 therefore if he got that place a deserving Man & Family
 would be helped and the Government well served. next
 comes Mrs Meredith by her Letter I find, Lieu^t Colonel
 Meredith must have left little Money & his Funeral (which
 was expensive) must have taken a part of that. she had