

His Excellency Governor Gore, from my Father, he having been suspended from his Situations as Store Keeper & Interpreter in the Indian Department by Captain Tho^s Dawson Commanding at St^t Joseph, who is the most malicious fellow I ever Knew. I must refer you to D^r Richardson for the particulars of the transaction, he having been made acquainted of them by me. I'm told that His Excellency, on the perusal of the dispatches, was verry much displeased with the beheaviour of Capt. Dawson, & in consequence of which, has been pleased to issue an Order that M^r Askin do resume the Duties of Store Keeper & Interpreter in the Indian Department at St^t Joseph, that Capt. Sherrard²² immediately proceeds to St^t Joseph's to take the Command of that Post, & that Capt Dawson be held responsible for issue[s] out of his Majesty's Indian Store during the Time of my Father's Suspension. Captain Givens is also to accompany us to St^t Joseph's to examine whether there is Sufficient grounds for a Court of Enquiry & to report to His Excellency Accordingly, he conceiving it ne[ce]ssary from the Charges Alledged against my Father

I expect We shall leave this to morrow Morning for St^t Josephs. I am afraid we will meet with a great deal of difficulty to get there, the season being so far advanced

When I left St^t Josephs my Father desired me to request Your condescending to Excuse him for not having wrote you he being at that time unwell.

My Father & Mother desired their Respectful Love to be presented you & My Dear Grand Mama & Kind Remembrance to their Friends I remain My Dear Grand Papa

Your Dutiful Grandson

John B. Askin

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Addressed: John Askin Esquire Strabane Hon^d by D^r Richardson

Endorsed: York Fe^vb 25^h 1810 J Bapt. Askin to Jn^o Askin Senior rec^vd the 15th March

²² Captain Thomas Ormsby Sherrard, of the 100th Regiment, became an ensign in the army, June 26, 1801. In February, 1810, he was ordered to proceed from Toronto to St. Joseph, to relieve Captain Dawson as commandant of that post. He served in the War of