

Capt^t Dawson who Commanded here previous to the 24^h March last: conspired with the most worthless Characters of the Country to bring false & groundless accusation[s], but all their Diabolical Machinations have been brought to light & his Capt D. unwarrantable conduct will be exposed. As our Dear Father may be anxious to know what has transpired here, have the goodness to write him by the first Opportunity that His Excellency L^t Gov Gore has been pleased to order that I resume the Situation I held in the Department and that the accusations which were prefer'd ag^t me were mere cobwebs and not a single accusation was substantiated at the investigation that took place. I have been beset by a set of Malignant people who were callous to every sense of feeling and Captⁿ Dawson who [was] more Malicious than the whole countenanced these in order (I believe) to get the Indian stores into his own hands, but the prompt & Judicious mode of His Excellency L^t Gov Gore put a stop to the Business in due time.

Madelaine, John & the Children join me in fervant prayers for your Health & prosperity. Our Love to M^r & M^{rs} Dixon & all our friends in your Quarter I remain My Dear Charles

Your affectionate Brother

Jn^o Askin Jr

M^r Cha^s Askin Queenston

Addressed: M^r Charles Askin Queenston

Endorsed: S^t Josephs April 21st 1810 Jn^o Askin Jun^r to C A

AFFAIRS AT STRABANE²⁵

Strabane July the 31st 1810

My Dear John, The very best time to mention matters are as they occur. I'm just come from M^r Joseph Eberts's²⁶

²⁵ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

²⁶ Presumably Joseph Eberts, eldest son of Dr. Herman Eberts, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 593-94. Joseph was born in Montreal in 1785, and was brought to Detroit by his mother in 1791. From Niagara the journey was made in company with the family of William Baker, for whom see *ibid.*, 520. Joseph Eberts is described in various entries in the St. John's Church Register (Sandwich) as a merchant of that place. On July 24, 1810, he married Ann Baker, daughter of William Baker, and three daughters were born to them