

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Strabane.

Endorsed: S^t Josephs Aug^t 14^h 1810 Jn^o Askin Jun^r to
Jn^o Askin Sen^r Recv^d & Answ^d the 18th

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO CHARLES ASKIN³³

Strabane Oct^r 20th 1810

My dear Charles I wrote you from Gros Point two days Ago & on my Arrival here yesterday I found two letters from you dated at Montreal on the 2^d & 4^h Sep^r & two others dated at Queenston of the 3^d & 8^h Instant, to all wh. I will now Answer.

I never had a doubt of my Montreal Fri[e]nds shewing Every Attention in their powers to any Child of mine they are realy Worthy men & sincerely Fri[e]ndly. I'm very sorry Indeed that you report one of them (M^r Frobisher) to be so near his last good as well as bad Characters must go when the Almighty thinks fit.

You do not Mention of whom you purchased your goods. I Approve much of your Not having taken much at first & I Advise you strongly not to buy fancy goods as some of them always remains On hand whilest Necessary Ones must sell sooner or later & I'm well pleased you remain at Queenston for the present, for the Commodore has told me that all the world is crowding to the Head of the Lake. You seems to have great Fri[e]nds at Queenston I'm happy you deserve them. Among which your time will pass Agreeably.

I cant say how late a Vessell will sail or what Vessells will Sail for Fort Erie. I fear None from this side. however I will put up in the best Order 20 Barrells or more of Apples. I have good new Barrelles making to put them in. I do not want any Money to pay for them. As to Cider my press is out of Order therefore will not make much. I'm sorry for the Death of poor Harry Hay & the manner in which he died.³⁴ What changes take place in this life.

³³ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

³⁴ Apparently Pierre Henry Hay, eldest child of Jehu Hay and Marie Julie Réaume, for whom see *ante*, 58-59. Pierre Henry seems to have been commonly known by his second