

my Order let me know & drop the Matter After a trial or Offer to One or two after Mess^s T & M^cG for I would not wish to give you the Trouble to halk it About.

I am Dear sir Yours

John Askin

Endorsed: Detroit Sept^r 20^h 1796 Memord^m from John Askin to M^r W^m Robertson (Copy)

RETURNS OF ESSEX COUNTY MILITIA

L'Assomption 27^e Sep^{bre} 1796

Sir Being directed by Colonel M^cKee Lieut of the C^o of Essex to transmit to him Returns & Lists of the Militia & of all such as are capable of bearing Arms agreeably to the Act, You will therefore be pleased to compleate that List of all such and also a Return of your Battalion without delay

Colonel M^cKee requires also information of the increase or diminution of the Battalion at the end of every Quarter I beg therefore to be furnished with correcte Lists at the periods he directs.

I am Sir your most Hu^{ble} Serv^t

F. Baby Dep^y L^t C. E.⁹²

L^t Colonel Askin &c

Addressed: Public Service Lieut Colonel Askin County Essex

Endorsed: L'assomption the 27^h Sep^r 1796 M^r Francis Baby as Depty L^t of the County of Essex to Jn^o Askin Answ^d y^e 28^h

RETURNS OF MILITIA TO BE MADE

Detroit Sept 28th 1796

Sir Its Colonel McKees orders to his Deputy that returns from each Battalion be immediat[ely] made & transmitted to him I therefore request that you will without Loss of time send me a list of the names of all those who are subject to Serve as Militia Men on the South side of the River

⁹² For sketch of the career of François Baby, see *B. H. R.*, I, 377.