

you wish he should. May happiness Attend you here & hereafter are our constant prayers,

Your Affectionate Father

Mr Charles Askin

John Askin

#### DEATH OF CAPTAIN HOWARD<sup>47</sup>

St Josephs 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1811

My Dear Father, As an Express will leave Makinac in a few days for Detroit to give intelligence of the sudden Death of Capt Howard<sup>48</sup> who commanded at [that] Post. it appears he departed this Life on the 13<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> of a Hemorrhage. from what I can learn he was an Honest sober & just man and much regretted. On the 14<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> I wrote you via York and informed you therein that Capt<sup>n</sup> Fearson arrived here on the 17<sup>h</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>, unloaded his Cargo, ballasted & prepared to depart, when the wind verred to the S. East and encreased to a Hurricane, which drove the Vessel ashore on a Sand bank nearly opposite my House before she could get her sails sufficiently dried, and preparations made to get her off, the winter set in and consequently poor Fearson [was] obliged to winter here. he expects to get away early in the spring. Should [my] Letters via York not arrive before this I request you'll inform Mr Pattinson that every assistance will be given to Capt<sup>n</sup> Fearson to get the Vessel afloat as soon as the Weather will permit. That provissions has been borrowed from the Garrison, for the Vessels Crew; which Capt F. has acquainted him thereof. Mr<sup>s</sup> Fearson who must be verry uneasy about her husband should be made acquainted of his being at this place and in very good Health. Should you write by the return of this Courier, it will be necessary for you to give your Letter to Capt<sup>n</sup> Dyson or Col<sup>n</sup> Kingsburry<sup>49</sup> under Cover to Doct<sup>r</sup>

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

48 Lewis Howard was commissioned first lieutenant in the Eleventh U. S. Infantry, March 3, 1799, and honorably discharged, June 15, 1800. He re-entered the service, Feb. 16, 1801, as first lieutenant of the Second Artillerists and Engineers, became captain, Nov. 1, 1806, and died, as here described, Jan. 13, 1811. Heitman, *Reg. U. S. A.*

49 Jacob Kingsbury was born, June 6, 1756, in Norwich, Conn., to which place his great-grandparents had removed from Haverhill in 1708. He enlisted in the army at the first outbreak of hostilities in 1775, and served throughout the Revolution, being made an ensign in 1780. He became a lieutenant in the U. S. Infantry Regiment, Oct. 15, 1787, and served