

well, and so am I since I have got rid of the fever & Ague, which continued a great part of the summer. you say you are 71 years. next August I will be 72. Todd says he is only 68. Todd was once much older than me but he has grown much younger at present. God bless you & your family which is the constant prayers of mine, & your old friend

Alexander Henry

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Strabane Detroit

Endorsed: Montreal Feb^r 10^h 1811 M^r Alexd^r Henry to Jn^o Askin recd ye 25^h March wrote him 15 July

MARRIAGE OF NANCY GRANT⁵¹

Strabane February the 19th 1811

Dear Charles, Although I have nothing very particular to communicate yet from a wish to resume our former correspondence I avail myself of the opportunity of writing you by James Miller who leaves this tomorrow for Fort Erie.

I was happy to learn by M^r Smith's account that you appeared to be quite pleased with your change of situation which I can assure you is not a little interesting to us.

As I have nothing else to write about, and as a circumstantial account of Nancy Grants⁵² elopement may be very acceptable I will endeavour to give it. It having been suspected some time before she run off that she had a serious attachment for young Mayez, she was sent from Gross Point to Woods's where she remained some days, after which she went to Amherstburg and attended poor Madelain's funeral; in the evening she returned with M^{rs} Woods and about nine O'clock crossed the River & went up to the River Huron where they were married by Clemens, who first came to Gross point to consult the Commodore. she has since been over to a dance with her husband at old Parres as we have understood. The Commodore had brought

⁵¹ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

⁵² Ann (Nancy) Grant was born on Feb. 5, 1785. At the time of the "elopement" here described, she was twenty-six years of age. On Feb. 8, 1811, Commodore Grant made his will and in it disinherited his daughter Ann for having "acted a most undutiful part toward him." Three months later, however, he attached a codicil to the document revoking this provision. See Ont. Hist. Soc., *Papers and Records*, XXII, 177-78.