

Nelly down but she has returned to Gross-point and its reported that she has got married to Young Cotteral at the River St Clair.⁵³ We do not so much feel these things as we would, had we not for some time past been prepared by one misfortune for another. My Mother has not seen one of them since the death of poor Mr^s Grant.

James & myself went to Amherstburg some time ago to attend the funeral of the Doctors youngest who died of the same complaint as its poor mother.⁵⁴ Jane was pretty well reconciled, but the poor Doctor quite dejected.

Captain M^eKee has gone to York, & anticipated great pleasure in visiting you on his return I suppose he has by this time fulfilled his intention. I remain

Your very affectionate Brother
Alex^r D. Askin

Therese begs of me to give you her love.

P. S: I need make no apology for the bad writing as you'll not believe that I can write better. however I have written in a great hurry.

Addressed: Mr Charles Askin Merchant Queenstown
Favored per Mr Miller

Endorsed: Strabane Feb^y 19th 1811 Alex^r Askin to C A
Answ^d the 14th March

BUSINESS DEPRESSION IN DETROIT

Detroit 9 March 1811

Dear sir It is now nearly four weeks since I hav[e] taken a pen in my hand to write or attempted any other kind of business therefore hope you will excuse me for not answering your former letter. With respect to Mr M^eGills farm at River Rouge if he were to offer it for half of the sum you now offer it I am sure he would not find a purchasor for ready cash. its now vacant the tenant having left it. I let a man in by the name of Patrick to take care of the house but he is to leave it at the word of command. real

⁵³ Apparently this report was unfounded. Eleanor (Nelly) Grant married George Jacob of River Thames in Sandwich, Oct. 31, 1820. *Ibid.*

⁵⁴ Madelaine Askin, wife of Dr. Robert Richardson of Amherstburg, died Jan. 10, 1811. See *B. H. R.*, I, 441-42.