

Thames & let me know how many of them are come to settle there since you sent me the last returns Allso at the end of every three Months how many comes or goes away.

I am Sir Your Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Humble Servant

John Askin

L<sup>t</sup> Col Com<sup>g</sup> N E B E M<sup>93</sup>

Captain Fields<sup>94</sup> River Thames

*Endorsed:* Detroit Sep<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1796 John Askin to Capt<sup>n</sup> Fields (Copy)

# RETURNS OF ESSEX COUNTY MILITIA

Detroit Sept<sup>r</sup> 28 1796

Sir I was favoured with your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> yesterday Evening & will comply with its Contents so far as in my power & my duty as Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel Commanding a Battalion requires at same time please observe, that in order to make my returns I must have one from each Captain or Officer Commanding a Company and as one lives at the River Thames it will require some time. however there shall be no delay so far as I can prevent it.

I apprehend that there is some misunderstanding relative to your duty as Deputy Lieu<sup>t</sup> of the County & mine as Lieut Colonel of a Battallion. the first time I have the pleasure of seeing you we will Explain our Ideas with each other So that the Service may not be retarded

I am Sir Your Most Obed<sup>t</sup> very Hble Servant

John Askin

Lt Col<sup>l</sup> Com<sup>y</sup> of the N E B E M

Francis Baby Esq<sup>r</sup> Deputy Lieut for the County of Essex

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# POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR CUYAHOGA GRANT

KNOW all men by these Presents that we John Askin

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<sup>94</sup> Probably Captain Daniel (Donald) Field (Fields), for whose career see *B. H. R.*, I, 582.