

contrary some were given by the Commissioners to others who never paid a penny for them. This letter I will send you a copy of. It gives little or no hopes of redress. Congress I believe confirmed all the Commissioner's did, be it right or wrong. they would not give their time to matters which interested their Govern^t so little. however I do not find they have directed the Lands in the rejected claims, in the Michigan Territory to be sold; They have in some others. perhaps they mean to give them another hearing. I will conclude by saying myself & family enjoy good hea[l]th, thanks be to the Almighty. may a like happiness attend you and yours, are the prayers and wishes of M^{rs} Askin, as well as those of

My D^r Sir Y^r ever obliged and Sincere friend

(Signed) John Askin
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James M^cGill Esq^r Montreal

Endorsed: Copy of a Letter from John Askin Esquire to James M^cGill Esq^r at Montreal

NEW ROUTE TO UPPER COUNTRY⁷⁵

S^t Joseph 11th Aug^t 1811

My Dear Brother As Mess^{rs} Gilivray, Gregory & M^cKay leave this for Montreal tomorrow via York for the purpose of making some arrangements respecting the portage they mean to establish from Youngs [Yonge] Street to Matchedash Bay I avail myself of their Conveyance to write you these few lines and to say that John returnd from the Mississipi a few days ago and is very well. The man he wintered with, M^r Redford Crawford died a few days after his departure from Fort Maddison. Mr Robert Dickson is now with us and proposes to go & see his Brother Thomas in a few days thats to say as soon as he returns from Maki-nac. Should the NW Gentlemen establish the road as is proposed from York to Matchedash it will be the making of that Country and will injure M^r M^cIntosh very much which I'm sorry for, he having a large family and a Worthy

⁷⁵ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.