

merchants get seven & a half dollars per barrell from Government, & these latter keep the secret by not offering the farmer more than the 24/.

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The indians have done a good deal of mischief in different quarters of the United States. the people of Detroit, not in the Garrison, are much alarmed; Alice was here a few days ago. poor woman, She Suffers amasingly from fear, for I understand none of the Town's people will be recieved into the Garrison. Alex^r was over yesterday & says they are now taking precautions ag^{nst} Indian surprise, & therefore she is not so much alarmed. The Guns, blunderbusses etc here are all loaded & in good order; I hate to be taken prisoner & he who attempts it, if openly may lose his life; having only my children & self we can not do much, but I will try not to be surprised I advised Captⁿ M^cKee to move to Malden there is too great risk here. I believed he moved yesterday. Most of Rob^t M^cDougall's property is on this side. poor Meldrum I think [is] much embarrassed. I think him in his heart [a] true british Subject. the conduct of his boys bears hard on him.

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Y^r tender Father
(Signed) John Askin
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M^r Ch^s Askin Merch^t Canbury.

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AMERICANS OCCUPY SANDWICH

(Coppy) Strabane July 17^h 1812

My Dear sir A few days ago I was favoured with a Letter from you dated the 29^h of April last, covering one from M^r Todd bearing date the 10^h of March: Every thing I thot necessary to Acquaint you or him with, or what I though[t] either of you wished to know, was contained in Letters wrote you both, on the 14^h of April last: with one at same time for M^{rs} Meredith, to your care.