

About a week Ago, Our Militia & other force left Sandwich, and [the] same day the Americans came over to this side. Governor now General Hull, keeps up the strictest good order. the soldiers dare not take a Cherry, without the Owners consent. I waited on him two days after his arrival, and he recev^d me not only with Politeness, but Fri[e]ndship, and Exacted no oath, or promise, other than my Word, that I would not, whilst he had Possession here, meddle in the present troubles: Indeed I did not mean to do it, otherwise than giving my Advice to my Sons how they should act, in doing their duty to their King & Country. For in 1809 Lieu^t Governor Gore wrote me a Letter, saying, that from my Advanced time of life & tender constitution, he gave the Command of my Reg^t of Militia, to Col. Caldwell, who did not Accept of it: he having put Col. Elliott, (a Junior officer to both of us) first Col. I dayly see how pro[v]idence, orders all for the best. I had no duty but that of a magistrate to perform, since that time: and not having been consulted, by the president, nor he who now Commands at Malden, on any Public matter. I have not thought it my Duty to my King & country, that I should be officious in giving Information, in particular as the same could be obtained, from those in office, who from Duty & reward should do so: Therefore I have kept myself quiet and were it not for our anxiety respecting our Children & Fri[e]nds, M^{rs} Askin & I have no cause of Uneasiness, That of the fate of a Government I have allways lived under, and that my wife & Children love much excepted. However should it be our lot, to fall under any other Authority, I would not prefer any man, to the present General Hull; who I'm pretty sure will not only respect my property, but that of my Fri[e]nds, so far as he can consistan[t]ly do so, in which he will be Aided & Assisted, by the Talents & Interest of M^r Brush, (who now Commands at Detroit) and who I believe as kind & Fri[e]ndly a man, as ever was. All Our Canadian Militia to a man, being called to Malden: M^r Brush says he will send men to cut down my harvest. On the Subject of the Canadians on Our side, let me Assure you, I never have seen men shew more fidellity. they Volentered to a man, and left their Houses without a single person Except Women & Children.