

live to see the end of it. if that evil spirrit Bonepart was to take his departure to the other World before I go, [it] would be a great satisfaction. let me hear from you. I hope you will not be disturbed this winter, as Hulls business has deter'd them. but the Americans to raise the Spirits of their people have published in their Gazets that Gen[e]ral Brock is taken with Detroit, Niagara & all the Country to Kingston. there is a report this day of a British fleet being on the American coast, but I am fearful there is no foundation for it. the English are allways slow in their operations. my pen is so bad I am afeard you will not be able to read what I write. therefore I have only to say I and my family are well, and wish & pray that you and yours may be allway [illegible]

Your old friend
Alexander Henry

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Endorsed: Montreal Oct 8^h 1812 Alex^r Henry Esq^r to
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OPERATIONS AT NIAGARA

Mountain Near Queenston Dec^r 11th 1812

Dear Father Your affectionate favour of the 26th Ult^o came to hand the night before last. I am surprised to find by it that very few of the letters I have wrote you since I have been down here, have reached you. the one giving an account of the Battle of Queenston⁶⁵ went up in the *Lady Prevost* with some others and some newspapers, and I fancy you must have got them before this. John & William Robertson were both in the Battle and distinguished themselves, William particularly who behaved as gallantly as any one engaged that day. Rob^t Hamilton & Alex^r were in it also but only in the afternoon, and Alex could not take an active part in it, for he could not ride nor hardly walk on account of boils therefore remained or went with Cap^t Holcroft who was cannonading the enemy when crossing the River. I had been laying confined to my bed

⁶⁵ Fought, Oct. 13, 1812.