

to make the militia comfortable, and does not mind a little expense. he has already ingratiated himself in their favour and he is as much liked by them I believe as General Brock was. We are in great hopes of soon having a peace every thing seems nearly settled between Sir John B. Warren⁶⁸ & Mr Monroe. I think the Oxen had better be sold to Mr Brush at the price you mention, for I should not know what to do with them here. Please give my love to my Dear Mother my Brothers & Sisters. I am

Your dutiful & Affectionate Son

Charles Askin

John Askin Esq^r near Sandwich

P.S. I am [may] say have been stationed with my Company at & near Chippawaw, I am now on leave of absence for a few days & am spending [torn] here with John Robertson & tomorrow I must return to my duty.

Your affectionate Son

Ch^s Askin

Please thank Alex for me for the sword he was so kind as to send me. I sent up a few things this fall which I hope you will receive by the *Lady Prevost*.

Your affectionate Son

Ch^s Askin

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Strabane Sandwich

Endorsed: Queenston Dec^r 11^h 1812 Charles to Jn^o
Askin recv^d y^e 24^h Answ^d y^e 28th

OPERATIONS AT NIAGARA

Near Queenston December 14th 1812

Dear Father Your affectionate favour of the 26th Ult^o I had the pleasure of receiving a few days ago, and partly answered, but could not go to Niagara therefore missed the opportunity of sending you an answer by the return of the mail. I luckily met with one of Lord Selkirk's men from Beldown [Baldoon] who is kind enough to take charge of

⁶⁸ Sir John B. Warren (1753-1822) devoted his life to the British navy, rising to the rank of admiral. Early in 1813 he was given command of the fleet on the North American station, resigning the command the following year. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*