

Dearborn⁶⁹ the Commander in Chief of the American Army, it's said is going against Montreal with 10,000 men. they have not many troops in Lower Canada yet I fancy General Dearborn will meet with a warm reception if he goes there. there are two Reg^{ts} raised in Lower Canada since the War one called the Voltageurs & the other the Voyageurs they are fine active Canadians in each. We are flattered notwithstanding the preparations which we are making for War, with hopes of a speedy and honorable peace. Sir John B. Warren is said to [be] at Washington and all differences between the two Country's is settled, except the naturalization of British born subjects who come to America. respecting this our Ambassador and Mr Monroe cannot agree. * * * ^{*70}

Elizabeth Meredith's⁷¹ miniature picture I have got, but do not like to send it now.

Please give my love to my Dear Mother my Brothers & Sisters,

Your Dutiful & Affectionate Son

Charles Askin.

P. I wish it was possible to get the pistol you lent Mr Pattinson

Your Affectionate Son

John Askin Esq^r Sandwich

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NEWS FROM AMHERSTBURG

Amherstburgh Dec^r 26th 1812

My Dear Father I have heard of a Letter from you some days but as yet have not recieved it. I have again sent to the shoemaker for the shoes, and have not been able

⁶⁹ For the career of Henry Dearborn, see *Appleton's Cyclopaedia Am. Biog.*

⁷⁰ The portion of the letter here omitted deals with various private concerns of the writer.

⁷¹ Daughter of David Meredith and Archange Askin, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 15.