

however these observations are only for you I suppose it would be considered high treason to speak out in this way. there is another circumstance which has hurt me more than I can express. That is with respect to some wounded men belonging to the Americans who were left without any proper protection and some of whom I have been informed were the same evening murdered by the Indians. had I been commanding officer I should have considered myself responsible for the lives of every one of them, and within my hearing protection was promised for those poor people. be assured we have not heard the last of this shameful transaction. I wish to god it could be contradicted. I have only to add that M^{rs} R. and all home join in best wishes for you M^{rs} Askin and family and I am

Yours very faithfully

R Richardson

Addressed: John Askin Esquire

Endorsed: Amherstburgh Feb^y 7^h 1813 Doct^r Richardson to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 8^h

FROM CHARLES ASKIN TO JOHN ASKIN

Canborough March 8th 1813

Dear Father I have lately had the pleasure of receiving a number of letters from you which I have not yet been able to answer, and two were handed me this morning by Alex^r who arrived here to day with Edmund Brush, whose Father was obliged to go down to Kingston before he could be allowed to cross the River, for what reason I cannot say. it will be pleasing to you to hear that he met with every attention from General Sheaffe⁶ and others and that he was allowed to stay at Queenston and go to Niagara when he pleased, and those who came down under similar cir-

⁶ Sir Roger Hall Sheaffe was born in Boston (where his father was serving as deputy collector of the port), July 15, 1763. He became an ensign in the Fifth Foot Regiment, May 1, 1778, from which position he rose to the rank of general in 1828. He served in Canada 1787-97, 1802-11, and 1812-13. Sheaffe succeeded to the command left vacant by the death of General Brock at Queenston, and for his conduct in this battle was created a baronet. From Oct. 20, 1812, to June 18, 1813, he was president and administrator of Upper Canada. In 1810 he married Margaret Coffin of Quebec. He died in Edinburgh, July 17, 1851. See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*; Wallace, *op. cit.*