

and Major Evans¹⁷ severely wounded. two companies of the 8th suffered severely.

Our fate is decided now, for firing was heard on the Lake yesterday and it could be nothing but a fight between our fleet and that of the Enemy. we hope for the best but dread to hear the result of the business, as the chances were so much against us. June 5^h Our Army I think must soon retreat from this whether they will go to Detroit or towards Kingston we do not know. I mean to follow them if possible. Your affectionate letter of the 25th & 31st Ult^o I had the pleasure of receiving the day before yesterday. I never had an opportunity of sending up Eclipse, or I should have done it. I am afraid the Americans have got him. Should M^r Brush return to Detroit and the Americans get possession of this Country I hope he will try and save as much of my property as possible. a great number of our Gentlemen have taken protection from the Enemy since they have come in the Country. I shall keep out of their hands as long as I can. I wish we had Tecumseh here to help us out of our difficulties. I received a letter from Therese a few days ago which I am sorry I have not time now to answer. I delivered the one for M^r Sutherland which was with it; and he has promised to send her the things she wants you will please tell her. The Americans behaved very well to the Inhabitants of York, except those any way connected with the Indian Department. Poor M^r Selby¹⁸ died about the time the Enemy landed at York. Poor old M^r Warren is also dead. I was in the Room when he expired, two or three days before the Action at Fort George. I am sorry to hear of the Death of my Uncle Grant. His Family in this quarter are well.

Please give my love to my Dear Mother, to James, Alex & my Sisters & remember me kindly to my Relations & Friends. Believe me your dutiful & affectionate Son

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Charles Askin

¹⁷ Thomas Evans of the Eighth Regiment. He enlisted in the army as an ensign in 1794 and rose to the rank of general in 1855. He was commended by his commander for his conduct at Sackett's Harbor. He married a sister of Charles R. Ogden, attorney-general of Lower Canada, 1833-42, and of Peter Skene Ogden, fur trader.

¹⁸ Prideaux Selby, for whom see *ante*, 102.