

have good news from our fleet which we expect in a few days. an attack will be made on the Enemy its supposed the moment our Shipping arrives. I am sorry to say that we have lost one of the most Galant Officers in the Country, Colonel Bishopp³⁹ who died of the wounds he received on Sunday the 11th instant at the Battle of Black Rock where we took 3 brass field pieces and some other Guns. The 41st suffered much in this Engagement. Cap^t Saunders⁴⁰ was supposed to have been Killed, but was only wounded he is now a prisoner. M^r Mompesson was also wounded. Col. Thomas Clark rec^d a wound in the hand but is doing well. we lost about forty men in Killed wounded & missing. the Enemie's loss I believe was very trifling. Our people brought over an immense deal of stores &^{ca} before the Engagement commenced, and could have returned without losing a man; but Col. Bishopp was too Galant a Soldier and would not retire till he had given them Battle. he was one of the last to retire from the Field & was carried in the Boat after receiving a wound in the thigh. His loss is most sadly regretted, he was one of the most Gentlemany men I ever was acquainted with; and the best soldier * * *⁴¹

We have upwards of three thousand regular Troops here I think. we have the Royals, the King's, part 41st 49th 104th Newfoundland, Glengary Light Infantry and Dragoons from Lower Canada. the 19th L^t Dragoons have not yet arrived. It was not my intention to have sent this scrawl, which I am really ashamed of, but an Indian is going to Amherstburgh and would not wait untill I could write another. you will please not show this to any one, but my Mother & Brothers * * *⁴²

There is a report here that Sacketts Harbour is taken: but I do not believe it. Give my love to my Dear Mother, my Brothers & Sisters and Believe me

Your Dutiful & Affectionate Son

Charles Askin

³⁹ For Colonel Bisshopp, see *ante*, 738.

⁴⁰ William Caulfield Saunders, commissioned lieutenant in the Forty-first Regiment, Nov. 1, 1797. See British army lists.

⁴¹ The paragraph here omitted consists of a recital of European news.

⁴² The sentences omitted deal with unimportant personal matters.