

Translation

My dear Mother: I am with my American friends here and have asked about your fleet. They say that many were killed on both sides but that Richardson and Commodore Barclay were both taken prisoners and that it was aboard the *Queen Charlotte* that the Commodore received the broken arm, and that the others were quite comfortable. I am leaving now to cross over.

Goodbye, dear Mother, keep well. I remain,

Your loving daughter,
A. Brush

NEWS FROM ASKIN FUGITIVES

West Minister Oct^r 10th 1813

My Dear Father To relieve the anxiety of your mind & that of my mother I will merely say that we are all well James, Alick, Cap^{tn} M^cKee & Alick M^cKee are ahead. My Brother Alick has the ague but the people are all very kind. My Alicks Toe is very bad. God Bless you both my most excellent Parents. I wish I could hear how my D^r Sister Nelly is, & her children.

Your tru[l]ly affe^{te} Daughter
T M^cKee

Jane⁴⁴ is very anxious to find out how her poor father, & Brother John are.

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r

Endorsed: recv^d 25^h Oct^r

SAFE CONDUCT FOR JOHN ASKIN

Territory of Michigan
Head Quarters at Detroit
15th Oct^r 1813

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, BE IT KNOWN:

John Askin Esquire of Sandwich in the Province of Upper

⁴⁴ Jane Richardson, daughter of Dr. Robert Richardson. Her father had been captured at the defeat of Barclay's fleet by Commodore Perry on September 10, and her brother John had been captured at the Battle of the Thames, October 5.