

Canada having applied to me for protection, the same is hereby granted unto him during his good behaviour, and all Officers and privates of my army are hereby required to observe the same, and to abstain from any acts of violence or outrage towards the said John Askin and his hous[e]hold.

Given under my hand at Detroit the day and year above written

Will^m Henry Harrison

NEWS FROM ASKIN FUGUTIVES

Head [of] the Lake 23^d October 1813

Dear Mother, I'm happy to say that Captⁿ M^cKee Alex^r James Johnny & myself are here and all in Good health. Charles & all the Hamiltons and Robinsons are in this neighbourhood House Jane Richardson and Nancy left this the day before yesterday for York where they will be more comfortable than here We are very anxious to know how you are and beg that you may not suffer the least uneasiness with respect to us, as we are as well off as the times will admit of. We have suffered no hardship, but the very unpleasant separation from our parents & friends which I feel in a very great degree. Let my Uncles & relations know that not an hour passes over without my thinking of them. please assure my Dear Friend⁴⁵ of my everlasting attachment, & hopes of one Day seeing &c. What satisfaction it would be to hear from you could it be done with propriety.

Y^r ever tender & affectionate Son

Alex^r D Askin

Remember me to all my friends

Addressed: M^{rs} Askin Strabane

DIFFICULTIES AT MACKINAC

Mich^c 26^t Oct 1813

My Dear John, An opportunity offering for Matchedash

⁴⁵ The allusion is evidently to the writer's sweetheart. The attachment was interrupted by his untimely death. See *ante*, 423.