

troops got drunk also. the Indians plundered the houses then set fire to them. the poor Inhabitants, Men, Women and Children we were obliged to keep a strong Guard over to prevent them from being killed by the Indians, one of whom killed a young Boy. Indeed the Indians got so drunk that they did not know what they were about. two of their own Indians were killed by them and one of the 41st Reg^t M^r Caldwell was shot through the thigh by one of them and young M^cDougall had his arm broke by another who struck him with a Tomyhawk. Indians, Regulars & Militia were plundering every thing they could get hold of. immense quantities of things were brought over from that place to Queenston at youngstown there were one or two stores from which every thing was taken by the Plunderers. I have never witnessed such a scene before & hope I shall not again.

DEATH OF JAMES MCGILL

Montreal 3^d febr^y 1814John Askin Esq^r

My dear friend I wrote you the 30th Decemb^r informing you of the death of our mutual friend M^r M^cGill & that he had bequeathed you all his lands on the American side of Detroit [River.] at our advanced age we must expect to experience the loss of friends & relatives, and you have lately felt this in the loss of M^{rs} Pattison and I am told M^r Brush, in both of which I sinc[e]rely condol with you & M^{rs} Askin. you have a pleasing consolation that tho Death may deprive you of your Children yet in your numerous family none has by their conduct caused you pain. I have a long Letter from M^{rs} M^cKay [McKee] which I will answer. I wish I could serve her.

the death of M^r M^cGill and your advanced time of Life occasions my appointing M^r Cartwright of Kingston my attorney perticularly for my property in Upper Canada & as the death of M^r Brush will make it necessary for you to take some steps for securing payment of my property sold him in 1805 which was £460 York with Interest, as the property is improved his Executors or Heirs may keep it on