

Avoinnes were in the engagement, and will be able to give you a circumstantial account of the affair. Sir James Yeo has taken one of the enemy's large vessels on Lake Ontario and sunk another.

Provisions of every kind are scarce and dear here, corn selling at six dollars per bushel. We expected that some of the boats that took out Indian presents would have returned long ere this with beef and flour from your place. We have not more than five months provisions in store, I am told. All have long faces, but when reduced to half rations they will be much longer.

Yours most truly,

JNO. ASKIN, JR.

*Mr. Louis Grignon, Green Bay.*

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MICHILIMACKINAC, 28th January, 1814.

*Sir:*—Your favor of the 10th inst. I have to acknowledge, and am happy to find you returned from the Prairie du Chien without encountering the cold blasts of January on your route.

I note what you say respecting Gen. Cass. I have to observe that had the enemy come to attack the place last Autumn, and effected a landing, they could not have remained; unless they had brought an abundant supply of provisions. Starvation stares us in the face. The old residents, who were well supplied with horned cattle, and versed in the art of fishing, may do well enough, and all those married people, attached to the garrison, who draw extra rations for their wives and children; but as one ration only is allowed me to feed my family, consisting of six persons, I find it very hard, especially as no provisions, except fish, can be purchased. The lower class of people subsist solely on the fish they daily get from their nets; and when the ice goes away, they must leave the country, or starve.

By an arrival from Saguina, I am informed by the Saguina Indians, that a band of their nation went to Detroit and made peace with Gen. Cass or Harrison.