

of the declaration of war. However, he had the good fortune to beat them off; and afterwards took three rich American prizes into Halifax. Lt. Darragh has resigned, and to take the oath of allegiance—so says Mr. Berthelot; also to be here this Autumn for certain purposes. My compliments to Mrs. Lawe. Mrs. Askin joins me in best wishes for your health and prosperity, and am, dear sir,

Yours most faithfully,

JNO. ASKIN, JR.

*Mr. J. Franks, Merchant.
La Baye.*

ROBERT DICKSON TO FRANKS

MICHILIMACKINAC, September 8, 1812.

Dear Franks:—Detroit was taken by Gen. Brock on the 16th of last month. Gen. Hull, with two thousand four hundred men, laid down their arms. The American regulars are all gone to Quebec; but the Kentucky militia have been allowed to go home. Our batteries across the river did great execution a little before Detroit surrendered. Four officers and a private were killed by one ball. Poor Hanks, having been detailed by Hull, was cut in two and died instantly. Col. Proctor, of the Forty-First, commands at Detroit. Gen. Brock staid only twenty-four hours there, and is gone to attack Niagara.

Two regiments, the Scots Royal, and One Hundred and Third, are come up there. Dominique Ducharme came here express from Montreal ten days ago, and is returned. There has been no blow struck yet in Canada. Troops are arriving daily from England, and all are marching to the lines—every one in high spirits. Independent of the Indian goods coming by Detroit, six canoes are coming up the Grand River with Indian presents. We expect them daily. Wee-nu-sate with his party of Folles Avoines behaved well, and rendered much service. Gen. Brock's force, Indians, militia and regulars did not exceed fifteen hundred. He was ready to storm before he was perceived. A large re-enforcement of Americans coming to Detroit, with one hundred and seventy wagons,