

Letter

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Dear Alexander

This is the first time I have
wrote to you since my departure. but I
assure you it has not been from want of
the [disposition] but the opportunities have
been so few of sending a letter & when they
did occur I have been [deployed] so as to
[?] it [?] of my [?] under this is the
of time I have written to Marie. I [?] a few
days ago. but [?] Uncle Charles will make
up for my deficiency . I have no doubt
has given you every information concerning
our expedition. Poor fellow he is a little
unwell today with a fever not a [home] sick
one however he is greatly better this evening
and I daresay will be quite well in a couple
of days. The only thing that annoys him
is the fear of being left behind but I believe
there is no great danger of this at present
from the misbehavior [?] [?] [?] [?]

of the long Point Militia & the [lukewarm]
[?] of the Indians it will be some [little] time
before we will have sufficient reinforcement to
enable us to believe this. the Oxford Militia
have volunteered to a man. I hope when
they are ordered to march they will not
behave like this Norfolk they also volunteered
for this [?] Corps as far as I can understand
from a couple of Indians they say [Governor]
[Hull] has about 1600 men once they mentioned
3 to 4000 to you [?] [?] little [Dependence] can
be placed in their intelligence but the former
account agrees better with every other information
[?] [?] on this side at Sandwich & the remainder
At Detroit. how or when we proceed I do
not know going down the river in a large
boat is mentioned as the current & most
practicable plan indeed of the intention as
before those at Amherstburg [?] [might]
[?] down from the march of the river Thames to the Fort
in the night but I scarcely think that
it be the intention of the [?] for
how much easier would it have been
done by the way of Lake Erie-
I am afraid the reinforcement we will
receive here will be too small to offer
Any thing else if that. Our [?] [?] matter
[Mr Martin] is said to be in [?]

the next [?] to this with a few men
placed at certain distances on the river
more for the Intention of gaining intelligence
& getting some of his own. [?] to [?] him [the]
Any thing else a few of the enemy are said to be
At the mouth of the River & the rest at Sandwich
It was reported that they had [?] [?]
twice & were beat back but I believe they were
merely [?] in which 2 of this Reg
[?] and then have been killed by a volley from
60 of the enemy after refusing [?]
Cowardly rascals to fire upon [9] such brave
fellows when they might easily have taken them
prisoners. – I do not know when this may
reach you by the bearer Mr. Woodruff [?]
has order on you for 40 pounds [?] [?]
this I was obliged to pay him for his [horse]
as mine is entirely unserviceable at present
for the purpose I wished him. I hope [?]
has sent over enough for [?] [?][?]
that of [?] for there which I hope will
enable you to pay it in money That of [?]
if there is any [?] he does not like and I had
promised not to give it him. I had a couple Yoke
of oxen I offered to Philips if he like them
as these [?] [?] that will [?] it
I had offered the [?] to Mr Coffin if he has
accepted of the offer and [?] has been able
to take it down, it might be [?] [?] that
if not he has my horse to give you. Tell him
[?] [?] even [?] & [?] make up the

money in [?] anyway you can but by all means make it up. My Dear Alex I [?] to your kindness alone that [?] would for nothing from your former attention to her I do not [?] for that as money is very [?] & hard to get [?] at a [?] [?] [?] Mr Dickson & get it on account of the [?] it is a pretty thing [?] [?] this time when all of us [?] [?] or Defence of that & our Country that we should be refused a [?] [?] to keep our [?] [?] independent of their [?] that they have a few I have no doubt but I do not like to [?] their patience too much could [chance] have [?] at home I should have liked it much better but as it is let her make use of the sheep in the pasture or any thing else & do not let her be at a [?] [expense] to any one not even her own sister. Asure her that I am quite well & in good spirits & quite out of Danger how much pleasure would it give Charles & myself to have you join us at the head of your troop but as I am afraid that will not take place we hope to have the pleasure of seeing you soon covered with [?] not with despair.

Yours affectionately
Hamilton