



Boston September 18,th 1817

My Dear M^{rs}. Askins

Your letter has been just brought to me. I certainly feel for your situation & I wish it was in my power to make it more comfortable. You see however that our greatest trials are often the source of very great blessings, It is so that your dear husband's sickness has brought him, as it were, into the bosom of the catholic Church where I hope you will rest yourselves as in the bosom of a mother both willing & capable to comfort us in all our tribulations.

I begged of M^r. Cottrill to excuse me from making any deposition, but he has insisted upon it & yesterday I made one in which I declare that I have not sufficient recollection of conversations in 1811 to say any thing positive about them, but that there is an impression on my mind that you expected something by Cap^t. Dockendorf.

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I write in haste. I am extremely engaged to day.

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+ John B^p. of Bⁿ.

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