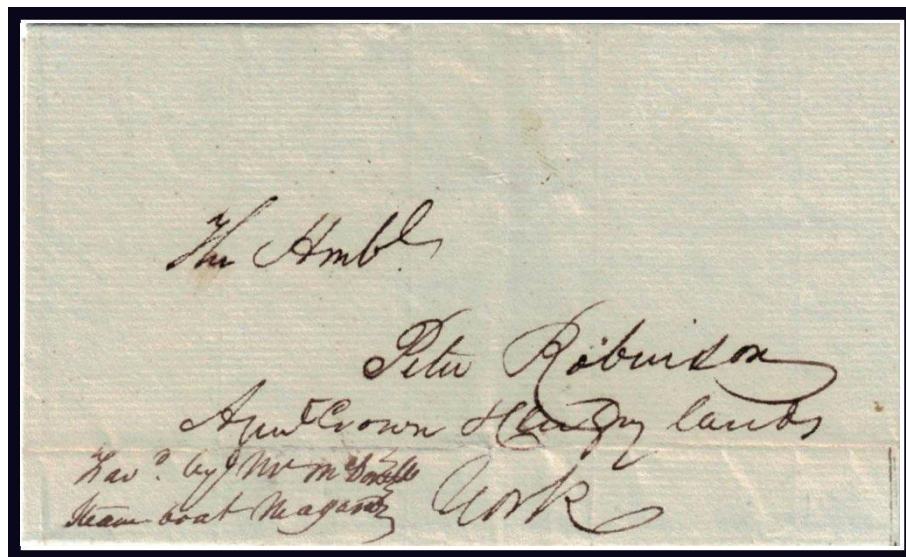


Military Toronto – War of 1812 – Peter Robinson – Militia Officer



“At the start of the war [of 1812], Peter Robinson had raised a rifle company, attached to the 1st York Militia. This company, made up of experienced woodsmen, travelled overland to join in Major-General Isaac [Brock](#)*’s successful attack on Detroit in August 1812. Robinson was one of 13 captains in York when that town surrendered to the Americans in April 1813. The following year he put his backwoods knowledge to use again in helping Fort Michilimackinac maintain communications with York during the American blockade of Mackinac Island (Mich.).” [biographi.ca](#)

From Bytown, dated 3 July 1829,

**“Favd by Wm McDonald
Steam boat Niagara”.**

Mail boxes were on-board at this time but favor carried letters were frequently adopted to avoid the high cost that postage entailed.