

should he Suffer Death or the Afors^d Sum due by said
 Chene & his Brothers never be paid I am not Answerable for
 Detroit May the 16^h 1792 Arthur M^cCormick

Witness Robert Stevens

Endorsed [in pencil]: Receipt Arthur M^cCormick to
 Jno Askin half intr in Slave in prison for Stealing no
 respond. if he suffers death.

Detroit 1792

FROM JOHN STEVENS TO ROBERT STEVENS

Nassau New providence 7th June 1792

D^r Brother, It is a circumstance upon which I have often
 reflected with peculiar regret, that during four years and
 upwards I have been in this country, we have never so much
 as exchanged a single sentence. It is true, your leaving
 home while I was very young, deprived us of every oppor-
 tunity of being more intimately acquainted, yet I hope we
 will never lose sight of that near relation which subsists
 between us, nor wound by a longer reserve that sincere
 friendship which ought ever to accompany such a connexion,
 actuated by these considerations, I now take the liberty of
 commencing a correspondence, from a continuation of which
 I flatter myself to derive the greatest pleasure and advan-
 tage.

I stay here with our Brother James who is connected with
 a M^r Forbes, and carry on the retail business chiefly in
 provisions under the firm of Forbes & Stevens. James has
 been gone this some time past to London for the benefit of
 his health, which he has recovered, and is expected back
 soon. Sandie has been in Maryland these six years past,
 but appears not to like his situation, he lately paid us a
 visit but staid only about ten days and returned to Phila-
 delphia. I dare say you have heard from him ere this as it
 was him informed me of the direction by which I now write
 to you.

I heard from my Father about six months ago when he
 and my only sister were both in health, the death of my
 Mother I suppose you are already acquainted with.