

I depend a good deal on your goodness, favor & affection in this business, & hope I need not make many apologies on that Score. as I have begun the canvas, I am determined to go through with it, & should I succeed, I hope to support my Character afterwards; we shall not certainly leave the province these 4 Years, so that wherever the seat of Government may be, or whatever may be the destination of the Reg^t I make no doubt but I shall be able to attend the Council & assembly Yearly. My having done the settlers business without emoluments from any Quarter should be some inducement to them, on the score of Gratitude to return me!

I rather think it is intended that the people who have french Grants on the Garrison Side should vote; as the Description of the County of *Kent* comprehends a great deal & sends 2 Members. it is said to contain all the Country (not being territories of the Indians) & not already included in Essex & the several other Counties described, Extending norward to the boundary line of Hudsons bay, including all the territory to the Westward & southward of the said line to the utmost Extent of the Country commonly called or known by the name of Canada.

Should Candidates to represent this County go a begging & you find I have no chance for Essex, I shall be proud to be returned for this County, but as the french people know little of me, I have not any hopes on that score. I am *very ill* at present myself, or I would certainly go up to Detroit, but if the people are sincere, that is unnecessary; & this will give it a fair tryal. You will do me a Service by delivering to M^r Pollard, the Names of those capable to vote,²⁰ which you can get from a small Register in the Land Office marked or rather endorsed "Certificates Granted," and another endorsed, "French Grants "en Roture."

Madelene has been with us several days past, she desires me to say, she is well & happy.

²⁰ The writs for the election of members to the first parliament of Upper Canada prescribed that electors must be either freeholders or leaseholders, to the annual clear value, in counties, of forty shillings, in towns, of five pounds.