

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDACY OF DAVID W. SMITH

Niagara, 6 August 1792

My dear Sir: Your Letter, which you honored me with gave me great satisfaction. I hope I may not be too much buoyed up with the hopes you give me of succeeding to the election. Your doubts about the right of voting on your side of the water will be removed before this. If therefore there is any difficulty in bringing me in for Essex, & one of the Kent seats goes abegging I should be flattered to be returned for that County. Mr Baby tells me, he wrote to his Brother François to set up for Essex, this may perhaps Cause some Confusion, as the french people no doubt will vote for him; & Cap^t Caldwell's Interest may perhaps gain him the Settlers on Lake Erie. Their Sentiments will I hope be sufficiently know[n] before hand, that I may not be set up without chance. Mr Baby told me however that he rather thought François would decline setting up; in which Case I should have his Interest; & at all Events, if François had made a party previous to his Arrival in Essex, & was likely to succeed; he would then give me his Interest in Kent.

I leave the weight of the transaction on your shoulders, & whatever you do for me therein, I shall be perfectly satisfied, & I believe I know You well Enough to think you do not require many apologys from me, for so much trouble. I will endeavour to repay You in the house of Assembly; if I succeed!

I wrote you in my last, in Case of Success to have an ox Roasted on the Common & to give the Mob a barrel of Rum. Mr Pollard tells me the hustings will probably be held for Essex somewhere about the Rivers Mouth. this therefore may perhaps be a better scite for the Beef & Rum. I am excessively unwell for a long time. I hope however to weather through the winter, & should I be elected, I shall

was born at Detroit, April 13, 1750, daughter of Jean Baptiste Putelle and Magdelene Bouron. They had seven children, the eldest, born May 20, 1766, being also named Jean Baptiste. Jane Putelle was buried at Sandwich, Sept. 13, 1784; Jean Baptiste Ouellet was buried there, Feb. 1, 1809. Denissen, *op. cit.*