

naturally direct for the best; I am so pestered with the fever, Head ach[e], want of appetite & withall so weak; that nothing else prevents me from setting out for Detroit, express. I would kick up such a dust in Essex, as never was there before, & I would scrutinize every vote, nor allow of any but such as were permitted by the act of Parliament; that is, if the people on Lake Erie, & the South Side of River la tranche were unanimous towards my election; for tho the Government don't wish themselves to introduce the Cabal of who has, & who has not a right to vote; yet it is all fair in a Candidate, & the Indians within the Reserves in Essex have just as much right to vote as the people of Maisonville & Monfortons Companys, who have no Certificates or Grants "en rotur" of which there are only 5 that I know of. The Governor wishes very much that I should succeed, & in consequence he has prevented some others of his family from setting up for Detroit, that I might have no opposition on the Score of any Interest which might be made for them.

As I said before I hope the Sentiments of the people will be known in time before the poll comes on. I will answer your draft for the neccessary Expences. I enclose another blank address, which you may find it necessary to send to some one.

The Governor sends for me constantly, & employs me on many occasions, what with crossing the Water, & half a dozen Masters to Serve exclusive of God & Mammon; ill health & altogether, I am completely fagged.

I have only to say, God bless You & Yours, & to tell You we *long* to see You at Niagara
Believe me I am dear Sir

Y^r Most unfeigned & much obliged humble Servant
D W Smith.

Addressed: John Askin Esquire. Detroit.

FROM ISAAC TODD TO JOHN ASKIN

London 10th Augs^t 1792.

Dear Askin I wrote you by the Spring Ships since which