

ENTERTAINMENT FOR DETROIT ELECTORS

Niagara, 14, August 92.

My dear Sir: All the Letters I get from Detroit give me favourable hopes, except those I receive from McNiff. they assure me of the Interest and Influence of Mess^{rs} McKee, Macomb, Park, Leith, Sharp, McIntosh, Elliot, Lamothe, McDonnel & several others for Essex. There is I understand however powerful Influences against me; however if I have fair play I dont fear, as I am assured that the Settlers, on Lake Erie and River la tranche will vote for me "neminé contradicenté," at least those are the words in which their assurances are represented to me. Perhaps I should have done better to have set up for one of the Seats in Detroit, as I hear only of Mr McComb who is to be proposed; but I did not then know they would be entitled to vote; besides were I thrown out on the 20th I might have had a chance on the 28th. The french people can easily walk to the Hustings, but my gentry will require some conveyance; if boats are necessary you can hire them, & they must not want beef or Rum, let them have plenty, and in case of success I leave it to you, which you think will be best to give my friends a public dinner, & the ladies a dance, either now, or when I go up. if you think the moment the best time You will throw open Forsyths Tavern, & call for the best he can supply. I trust you will feel very young on the occasion, in the dance, & I wish that Leith and you should push about the bottle, to the promotion of the Settlements on the Detroit. The more broken heads & bloody noses there is the more election like, and in case of Success (damn that if!) let the White Ribbon favors be plentifully distributed, to the old, the Young, the Gay, the lame, the cripple & the blind—half a score cord of wood piled hollow, with a tar barrel in the middle, on the Common, some powder, pour tirer, & plenty of Rum. I am sure that you will preside over & do ev[er]ything that is needful, as far as my circumstances will admit. there must be no want & I am sure you will have ev[er]y thing handsome & plentiful.

Elliot I am sure will give you a large red flag to be hoisted