

on a pole near the Bon fire, and some blue colored tape may be sewn on in large letters E S S E X. Thus talked the woman to herself, when she carried her Eggs on her head to market, she sat them, she hatched them, she sold them for a Crown apiece, & then down she fell, Eggs and all, & the anticipations of a warm and fruitful imagination, were annihilated in a moment; thus, this is the situation of a disappointed Candidate, who is fed up with hopes from those who wish him well. As I am a little better, nothing prevents my setting off for Detroit immediat[el]y, but the coming of the Prince³⁰ he is to be here about the 20^h, my fate is to be determined the 28^h.

Leith tells me you have written to me but the opposite party have got hold of the Letter because they guessed its Contents. Have proper booths erected for my friends at the Hustings, employ Forsyth to make large plumb Cake, with plenty of fruit &^{ca} & be sure let the Wine be good & plenty. Let the peasants have a fiddle, some beverage & Beef.

If my absence merely should be mentioned as a Bar to my election, You may assure the World that if there is time between the Returns bei[n]g made & the meeting of the assembly, I will come up to take the Sentiments of the County, & I will annually pay Detroit a visit, before I go [to] the Metropolis to meet the Assembly.

forgive me, I worry you out. I have quite an election fever; however it will soon be coold, & let the determination be as it will I shall be perfectly satisfied, & equally obliged to all my good friends.

God bless you & yours, & believe me unfeignedly, faithfully & Affectionately Yours whilst

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³⁰ Prince Edward, afterwards Duke of Kent and father of Queen Victoria, came to Canada in the spring of 1791 as commander of the Seventh Regiment. He became a warm friend of Governor Simcoe and on August 21, 1792, arrived at Niagara to pay him a visit, remaining until the twenty-sixth.