

Establishment When I am rich enough. this will surely satisfy them a good deal, & I know you will take every advantage of it.

My little Boy continues poorly. Leith is quite impatient. The rest of the family in midling health, that you & yours may be long healthy, wealthy & happy prays fervently

D W Smith.

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: Lieu^t D. W. Smith to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 24^h Nov^r

FROM DAVID W. SMITH TO JOHN ASKIN

Niagara. 7. Nov^r 1792

My good friend! As this will probably be the last Opportunity I shall have of writing You before the Winter Express, I take up the pen, to scrawl a few lines; & to assure you how much I value & prize your Friendship. The Lieutenants of Counties seem to be a settled thing, & Commission goes up by this opportunity for Colonel M^oKee, appointing him for Essex, & I understand one of the same Nature for Kent is filled up for M^r Baby. these Commissions authorize the recommendation for Magistrates & Militia Officers. I argued much on this subject & made use of all the information You gave me, but to no purpose. as I suppose therefore You will prefer being in the list of Magistrates & Militia on the Essex Side, & as you have landed property there; You will of course be able to make any arrangements You wish under the Auspices of Colonel M^oKee; to whom I have written to be appointed a Magistrate, & not to be forgotten in the Militia.

As to News here, We have none, not even a scandalous story.

I expect you will be well prepared with Memorandums for me in the Spring, relative to what amendments you want in the present Laws.

Give my best wishes to the Commodore, tell him I have again been speaking about M^r Hay, & that I have