

yet hopes the Governor will try to do something for him. His Excellency is well disposed to serve the Son⁴⁶ of the late L^t Gov^r Hay. I think [a] Naval or preventive officer at Oswego, may be the first Effort[?] of Service to him.

The family as usual add their prayers for your health & long life & of those belonging to you, & I most heartily say, Amen!

Your H Serv^t

D W Smith

I am likely to get some of my Land board Money

Endorsed: Recv^d 24^h Nov^r

FROM DAVID W. SMITH TO JOHN ASKIN

Niagara. 13 Nov^r 1792.

My very good friend. I have received your letter of 2^d November, which gave me its usual satisfaction. I do assure you upon my honor, I have done every thing in my feeble power to get your wishes gratified; I am bound to it not only from Inclination & Gratitude but from Honesty, for I consider my self much in your debt, but I am sorry to say my interest seems very feeble to the accomplishment of your desires. I am afraid you have conceived I am a favorite with the Governor; so far as a discharge of the trusts committed to my care, entitles me to it; I believe I am, but beyond that, I know nothing of the Cabinet. however I have not failed to oppose the measures which seem odious to you, nor feared to say so. the Interest which brought the Young French Gentleman into the Councils, has prevailed in having him appointed Lord Lieutenant for the County of Kent, & that interest was not only planted previous to the Governments taking place, but seems to have taken exuberant Root in Quebec; where his

⁴⁶ Probably Pierre Henry Hay, who was born at Detroit, Sept. 11, 1765, the son of Jehu Hay and Marie Julie Réaume, for whom see *ante*, 67. The Ste. Anne's Church records do not list any other son of Jehu Hay who lived to grow up, but in Henry Hay's Journal of 1789-90 mention is made of his brother "Johnny," and the latter was later a prominent resident of Cahokia. See Wis. Hist. Soc., *Proceedings*, 1914, p. 225; Thwaites and Kellogg (eds.) *Revolution on the Upper Ohio* (Madison, 1908), 130; and power of attorney of John Hay to Jean B. Askin, ms. in Wm. Robertson Papers, in Burton Hist. Col.