

Consequence, his Interest, his Property, & his Loyalty, seem to have been blazoned in lively tropes. I shall however Yet endeavour to fall on some Scheme of getting this independant troop of horse established for you. Should ever my interest be courted, I can ask too; & *I pledge* myself to you never to sell it, but to accomplish your wishes. I am happy to find you entertain thoughts of being returned at the next Election, as it will be highly flattering to me to resign to my worthy Patron. Having struggled to put the Constitution on a good & permanent basis, I shall bow to my Constituents, thank them, & put my hand to the Plow.

The Road for the New Settlement shall be asked, & if I cant get troops, I will try to get it cut by a formidable Surveying party.

The Dutch Minister shall have my support for his Provisions, but the Governor can do little out of his Council, & I am fearful has no power to bestow a single Ration. The approved Provision List was sent to Quebec, before my time. We will have a confab in the Spring about the Number of members to be sent, & how the District ought to be divided. The assembly will I believe meet at Niagara the first 4 Years, The Seat of Government is yet undetermined. I have nothing more to say at present, than that if ever I have a Stiver of Interest or Influence with the Government it shall be exerted to the adoption of your Services, to which I am ever bound, being your debtor from Gratitude & Justice—I wish you by no means to neglect your applications to the Commodore & M^r Hamilton. their Age & Situations in the Province make their recommendations of weight.

May God bless you, say the Major, My Mother, Anne & your ever faithful & much obliged humble servant

D W Smith.

Please God I shall see you early in May for 2 or 3 days. tell my Constituents I have a proper sense of their goodness, & my duty to them.

Endorsed: recv^d 24^h Nov^r