

health than usual. she has had many severe trials as well as myself; & I feel very old upon it.

Your Common pleas I understand is re-established, & the Bench I'm told is to be filled by the Ho[no]rabbles Col M^oKee & W. Macomb.

There has been a dreadful Cabal against the Contract Business. Petitions & Remonstrances one on the other very thick, if I had received your Letter of 11 July, previous to the closing of the Sessions, I should have been glad. I was alone a long time in my opinion, at length every Member in the lower House but myself consenting to sign a petition & not being furnished with Matter enough to turn them from it, my arguments too, weakened by Affliction, I signed with all the rest. I do not think myself Government at home will alter the plan, & I shall take care to acquaint the Gov^r with the Liberal terms on which you receive the flour.

Dopray¹² drew on me at 3 days sight for the amount of your account immediately. I am sorry it has laid so long. if any other mode of payment is more convenient to you, pray adopt it. When I came away I intended to leave a memorandum with You of some Money Reynolds was to pay You, I think about £8, which I thought I had put on a bit of paper & given M^r—— (Clerk). Perhaps I did not arrange it with Reynolds, in which Case it is of no Consequence.

God bless You, thank You for all favors. I hope to see you in my new house some day or other. accept the Affection of us all

particularly

D W Smith

M^r Richardson is gone to Toronto. the Gov^r is there. he was wishing to arrange, so as to make you a fie[l]d

¹² Apparently Jean Baptiste Duprat (Dupré, Dupras, etc.), who was born at Beauport, May 23, 1735, and came to Detroit as early as February, 1765. On Feb. 10, 1766, he married Agnes Tremblay, daughter of Pierre Tremblay and Magdelene Simard. She resided at Fox Creek, Grosse Pointe, and here Duprat made his home. To the couple fifteen children were born. Jean Baptiste Duprat was buried at Detroit, Dec. 16, 1817; his widow was buried April 17, 1827. Denissen, *op. cit.*