

Petition similar to that which was presented to Governor Scimco [Simcoe] Praying that I might become a Citizen of the North west Territory as a Canadian Setler it would be granted & the afores^d Governor S^t Clair & Judge Turner say they will use their influence with the President of the united States in my behalf for granting the same.

My Brother further observes that the Canadians South of Detroit have Petitioned the President of the united States to come under their Jurisdiction and that he is of opinion that M^r Askwith went into Gen^l Wayne with their Petition for that Purpose if this be true that the Canadians have Petitioned the President & s^d Petition [is] granted & whereas Governor S^t Clair & Judge Turner have said they will use their influence in my behalf with the President & it being their opinion I think there is a Probability of its carying. In that case the plan most eligible I think is this for me very early in the spring as soon as the Communication is open to come to Detroit & send a Petition to the President of the united States signed by myself seting forth what induced me to Leave the United States & become a setler at Detroit. another Petition sign^d by the Inhabitants South side of Detroit adressed to the President of the united States & praying I might be permitted to reside among them as a Citizen or something similar to that at the same time praying Governor S^t Clair to use his influence & Judge Turner & c^o & c^o & send s^d Petitions to Governor S^t Clair under Cover to be forwarded to the President. I would thank you kindly to call upon M^r M^o Niff and you & him take this matter into Consideration you know how times are at Present at Detroit & give me your Candid opinions & advice what is best to be done. I think I can get inhabitants enough to sign a Petition of that Nature some at Detroit & some at the river oraison [Raisin] & other Places I shall wait your answer & if you think it adviseable I shall come early in the spring. I have wrote to my Brother Ezra Freeman if it ever lies in his Power to be of any Service either to you or M^r M^o Niff not to fail in doing every thing that lies in his Power, which rest assured he will not. I have wrote to my