

Burrill,⁴² Tho^s Smith, D^d Robertson, A & R Pattinson.⁴³

send Greeting. Whereas John Askwith, of Detroit, Gentleman, lately departed this life, in the Indian Country, intestate, leaving certain goods, chattels, and personal Estate, AND whereas by reason of the absence of The Honourable James Baby Surrogate for this Western District, Letters of Administration, of the goods, chattels and effects, of the said John Askwith, cannot be obtained, so that such part of the said effects, as are of a perishable nature, are liable to depreciation. NOW KNOW YE that we the aforesaid, John Askin, Rob^t Gouie, Geo. M^eDougall, Tho^s Cox, Ja^s Donaldson, Eberts, Meldrum & Parke, Ja^s Fraser, Row & Burrill, Tho^s Smith, D^d Robertson, A & R. Pattinson, Creditors of the said John Askwith, for the sums affixed ag^t our respective Names, in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being desirous to dispose, of the property, belonging to the said Estate, without any advantage being taken of each other. DO hereby authorise, William Robertson, of said Detroit, Esquire, to make an Inventory of the said Estate, and to proceed to the Sale thereof, for the most money that can be had for the same. And after such sale, to divide the proceeds, arising therefrom, among the Creditors of the said Estate, in proportion to their respective Claims. And we do hereby bind and oblige ourselves, to indemnify, and save

42 Joseph Rowe and Joseph (possibly John) Burrill. Joseph Rowe was later awarded Private Claim 167 in Macomb County. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XVIII, 491. We have found little other information concerning either of the partners.

43 Richard Pattinson came to Detroit, apparently from Montreal, in 1793 (see *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XII, 84-87), and engaged in what competitors regarded as a ruinous course of competition for the Indian trade. Following the American occupation of Detroit he elected to remain a British subject and removed to the south side of the river, where he continued in trade for many years. Notwithstanding, after the fire of 1805 he drew a donation lot in Detroit, having been a landholder in the old town. He married (first) Judith de Joncaire de Chabert, who was born in Detroit, Nov. 21, 1783, daughter of Philip Daniel de Joncaire de Chabert and Judith Gouin. She was buried at Sandwich, May 21, 1804, and Pattinson married (second) Phyllis, the youngest daughter of John Askin. Pattinson was intensely pro-British in sentiment, and served as a captain of Essex County militia in the War of 1812. On Procter's evacuation of Detroit in the autumn of 1813, Pattinson followed the fleeing British army with his wife, and the latter died en route, somewhere in the vicinity of Moraviantown. Pattinson subsequently came back to Sandwich, but soon removed to Montreal. His will, made Dec. 1, 1817, describes him as "of the city of Montreal" and then sick in body. He died prior to Feb. 28, 1818. Information adapted from *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*; mss. among Askin Papers in Archives Division in Ottawa; and *Proc. of Land Board of Detroit*, 216.