

not this a contravention of the Spirit of the Treaty, & a violation of good Faith replete with tendencies of the most destructive cast.

The same Treaty in the 20th article, not only provides against the reception & protection of such fugitives, but for their punishment; and in the 27th article Asylum is positively refused, to the perpetrators of murder & forgery, & provision is made for the apprehension and surrender of such offenders. Now Gentlemen, if forgery be weigh'd against desertion, in all its dangerous consequences to King, State or community, & if Crimes be estimated by their probable influence & effects on Society surely the last must be transcendent a forgery may ruin an Individual, but a Desertion may betray a Nation.

I look Gentlemen to your liberality as Men, to your loyalty as Subjects, and to the purity of my own intention, for Justification to this intrusion; & in the firm persuasion that your Wisdom may desire an effectual remedy to the evil complained of. I subscribe myself with great good will, & with high Consideration & respect.

Your most Obed^t & most Hble Serv^{nt}

Sign'd Ja^s Wilkinson
Commander in Chief of the
Troops of the United States

To the Hon'ble the Justices of
his Britannic Majesty's West-
ern District of Upper Canada

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FROM THOMAS McKEE TO JOHN ASKIN

Petite Cote July 18th 1797

My dear Sir, As we have understood that the Commodore and Mr^s Grant have been good enough to say that they would spare us their Phaeton, we therefore beg that you will have the goodness to Know from the latter whether she can with convenience let us have it now or when the Commodore shall return, in either case, we will want your assistance in