

Transfers that are not the U. E. or Military Claims will not pass. the fees on lands are risen to a shilling N. York an acre. Tho two years agoe I got an order on Doct^r Wrights Petition insisting that the deed of L^t M^cCan's land was to be made out in Wright's name, the Petition was misslyed in the Council office and could not be found. And now with outmost difficulty I got the deed in Wrights name, paying the half fee tho Doct^r Wright & L^t M^cCan' are U E

And if any of the people that makes the Transfers are in the States of America, they are not attended too. I could not carry thro the additional acres to M^r John Askin Jun^r because he was not at present an actual resident on the British Side

On all transferrs from U. E. or Military Claims, the person that gets the deed must pay the half fee that Gover^{mt} paid before my most affectionate wishes attend M^{rs} Askin and hers. The President has politly in a full Council asked me to accept of the L^{ty} of the county of Essex's which I have. Your friend and well wisher David Smith with his mother and four Children Embarked, yesterday on leave of absence for England, and has promised to be out again next June and the old lady declares if she lives she will be out with him he says the only motive he has for takin[g] this Voyage are to recruit his health. Contrary wind made the Vessel come back M^r Baby and I dines with them to day at Commissery M^cGills⁶⁰ at the Garrison, two miles distant from town. M^r Baby and I expects [to] leave every day, but His Honor brings up fresh business dayly I fear amusing us till the arrival of our new L^t Governor General Hunter—and Commander in Chief of all His Majestys forces in the two Canada's till Gener^l Prescotts return. Compliment to John & his lady, Colonel Strong and his [lady, and] Doct^r Brown⁶¹ I am really & truly

Your Sincere friend & Servant

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⁶⁰ John McGill was a native of Scotland, who migrated to Virginia in 1773. During the war that followed, he served in the Queen's Rangers from 1777 to 1783. In the years subsequent to the war, he held various public offices in Upper Canada, aside from that of commissary. He died in York, Dec. 31, 1834. See Wallace, *op. cit.*

⁶¹ Doctor William Brown was born in Massachusetts, Dec. 7, 1773, and located in