

had said to D. W. Smith respecting Mr^s Small, which indeed was Saying She was everything bad, and which he repeated to the Chief Justice's family and to Mr Justice Powell. Mr Smith is much blamed as having endeavoured much to promote Mischief.

We received the apples and Cyder you was so kind as to Send us for which you will be pleased to accept our best thanks. Madlain joins me in best wishes for the health and happiness of all the family and all our friends near you and I am Dear Sir your most Obed^{nt} humb^e Serv^t

R. Richardson

Addressed: John Askin Esquire, Detroit⁶

Endorsed: York Feb^y 10th 1800 Doc^r Richardson to Jn^o Askin Rec^d Y^e 27th & Answ^d the 16th May

FROM WALTER ROE TO JOHN ASKIN

Sandwich, 11th March 1800

Dear Sir The Sheriff has sent me twelve bushels of Indian Corn & twenty nine pounds of Tobacco, which he says, you desired him to receive of Antoine Cencirnie⁷ I have it safely stored & whenever you send over it will be delivered.

I must add, at same time, that a few days since, I was called on by the High Constable to interpret between him & Mr Dimouchelle,⁸ on the Seizure of your Caleche, for some Assessments that appear to be in arrear.

Small, to the small official caste of the infant capital, and the duel between the two grew out of a squabble between their wives. White was mortally wounded, and died after thirty-six hours of great agony. He was buried "in a summer house on his own land adjoining the town," Jan. 7, 1800. Small was tried for murder but was acquitted through the neglect of the prosecution to introduce the necessary proof of the killing of White. See Jesse E. Middleton, *The Municipality of Toronto: A History* (Toronto, 1923), I, 83-84, and II, 670-71.

6 The following contemporary notation precedes the address: "IN4 York 12th Feb^y 1800."

7 Antoine Saint Cerny (Cernie) was born in the parish of Repentigny in Canada in 1759. On Nov. 26, 1787, he married in Sandwich Mary Therese Valade, who was born there, Jan. 27, 1774, daughter of Joseph Valade and Therese Bineau. Information adapted from Assumption Church Register.

8 The first American ancestor of the Dumouchel (Demouchell, Desmouchelle, etc.) line of Sandwich and vicinity was Bernard Dumouchel *dit* Laroche, a native of Rouen, who lived in Lower Canada. In 1673 he married Jeanne Juin. Their son, Paul, a shoemaker by occupation, who spent his life in Lower Canada, made a journey to Detroit in the spring of 1708. On Nov. 18, 1709, he married Mary Louisa Tessier, a native of Montreal. Their