

answer[s] no end. I have only to add that I am with
regard

your Most Obedent Humble Servant

General Washington Johnston

Endorsed: Detroit March 20th 1800 John Askin to
General Washington Johnston (Copy)

ACCOUNT WITH THOMAS SMITH

Detroit March the 29th 1800

Dear Sir I have carefully examined the Debtor side of my acc^t Cur^t as stated by you in the book you left with me and have admited such charges in whole or part as I firmly believe any impartial man would do, some others realy my good Friend are so badly founded that I have taken notice of them in the credits I have given you; in May say the 1st 1790 when you sent me an acc^t you mentioned I might settle it to my liking I accordingly did and I dont find you found fault with what I had done. you might give me the same descretionary power in this, for I most asuredly would not wrong you a Copper with a design to do so. According to strict equity after the aforesaid examination I find a Ball^e of £ 70.3.4 N.Y. Cur. my favour. however as a few charges are suposed ones (for want of Information) It may not be exactly that Sum, but the difERENCE I think will not be much as by your statement the Ball^e would be in your favour, & I foresee that coming to Explinations might cause Misunderstandings and destroy a Friendship that has long subsisted between us. In order to preserve that I propose a Block as the French call it as the only Friendly manner of settling our Accounts. say how it should be (without any further remarks) for the reason I have Assigned, and you will find that a few Pounds (tho my circumstances can not well afford it,) shall never make any difference between me and a man with whom I wish to continue on the footing of Friendship Its Absolutely proper that our Accounts should be finally settled, as I mean all others before I leave this, but to go over them and remark on each charge, I fear much would create Misunderstanding, which I wish to avoid, (as I before mentioned) and thats my reasons for writing you