

25<sup>th</sup> April. By the apparent arrangement which you and Mr. Robertson have made together I am also among the rest of my losses to sink a House which cost me 500<sup>£</sup> including the 500<sup>£</sup> paid you for the ground to discharge a supposed debt which in reality does not exist. The House was sold M<sup>r</sup> Robertson for half the cost (250<sup>£</sup>) in consideration of Cash being paid down, which I was then in much want of indeed: M<sup>r</sup> R. is therefore indebted to me that sum with Interest & damages incurred for breach of contract; altho' I can have no objection of your stepping into M<sup>r</sup> R Shoes whenever our old Account is settled, until then I must have great reluctance, for I will not blend an established debt with a supposed one. The account between us is now reduced to that plainness that it will not require half an hour examination, & should I have committed any mistake; It will afford me more pleasure to substract, than to add, in order to preserve that good understanding with a person, whom I have ever esteemed my Friend.

T. S.

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*Endorsed:* Sandwich April 24<sup>th</sup> 1800 Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith Esquire to Jn<sup>o</sup> Askin recv<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> & answ<sup>d</sup> same day

## NEWS FROM QUEENSTON

Dear Sir I have much Pleasure on the Opening of the Navigation of this Season to say that we all here Continue to enjoy our usual Good health, and we shall rejoice to hear the same good Accounts from your Quarter.

The vessell[s] detained at Fort Erie have now got over What to the Men must have been a tedious Winter. They have however as well as their Cargoes been preserved free from harm & they are all now ready for sailing.

The *Saguinau* in her Misfortunes of last year incurred Considerable Expençe in lading Unlading & Storing her Cargoe of which I now inclose you the Account as far as it has been furnished me. Hoping tho not knowing Whether the owners may not lay a part on the Goods as Additional freight. A futher charge yet Remains for Storage of Wines in Private Cellars with which I have not yet been informed—