

them is fair, and Honist in me, but that if the Council Admitted of them he knew a House where there was 500 claims of a similar nature & who If I recollect right he said were waiting to see the event of mine. Under such circumstances I thought it best to defer bringing them forward, and in Particular as you were absent. Next year on my way to Canada, if god Spare me I will see you and take your advice what's best to be done. I know I have Interest with the General²⁷ thro some Friends therefore have not given up all hopes. It was a great Loss to me your Absence and I Staid longer than I intended in hopes you could come out before my departure.

I have only to add that M^{rs} & Miss Askin joins me in Compliments to your good Mother & best wishes for you all and that I am as Usual Dear Sir

Your Obliged very Humble Servant

P. S. If all the descriptions are not gone from your Office I beg you will have as many Lots put in each as well can be as it will save Expences, of which I have much need.

The Honorable D. W. Smith Esq^r at York

Endorsed: Detroit 4th August 1800 The Honorable D. W. Smith Esq^r (Copy)

NEWS OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

Queenston Aug^t 9th 1800

My Dear Sir I have not been favoured with any of yours Since I last wrote you. it gave me pleasure (however) to learn that you had a tolerably agreeable passage to Detroit & upon the whole I think that your journey to & from York has not been unpleasant, & I must think that you have been in a peculiar manner the favourite of Fortune in your passages over both Lakes. I hope also that travelling has not in any respect injured your health, but the contrary.

I wrote you a hasty Line from Chippawa & mentioned how I had been employed the preceding week What I then

²⁷ Peter Hunter, who in addition to being Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, was commander-in-chief of the British forces in Canada. From 1795 to 1802 he held the rank of major general, and from 1802 until his death that of lieutenant general in the British army.