

attachment still the same I'm authorized by them to say you may come here when you think fit and on their part you will not find any Opposition to the union you so much wish for.

I am Sir Your Most Obed^t Humble Servant
Doctor McCoskrey⁵⁶ in Camp on the borders of the Ohio
16 mils below Masac

Endorsed: Detroit May 14th 1801 Jn^o Askin to Doctor
McCoskrey (Copy)

PROPERTY OF WILLIAM ROBERTSON

Detroit 26th May, 1801

Dear Sir, You have often heard of the delay & great amount of my outstanding debts in this quarter, & of the obstacles to their recovery. I am persuaded you know me too well to suppose any of my remarks, in the course of our different conversations, could have had any allusion to the balance you owe me. You have unfortunately experienced those delays & those obstacles yourself, & probably, in a greater extent than I. From a knowledge of you, for now near twenty years, I am convinced of your honour & integrity; & that as soon as you recover, even a part of those debts, or realise a part of the value of those lands you hold, you will be in a situation to do ample justice to your affairs; & I have not the least doubt of the rectitude of your own intentions, as will appear by the enclosed paper. I

⁵⁶ William McCoskry was born in Carlisle, Pa., about the year 1763. From 1778 to 1782 he served as surgeon's mate in the corps of Artillery Artificers, created by order of General Washington in 1777. He was surgeon's mate in the levies of 1791 and was present at St. Clair's defeat on November 4 of that year. He served subsequently in Wayne's campaign and came to Detroit with the American troops in 1796. A prior visit had been made in 1793 when he accompanied the Quaker peace delegation from Niagara to this place (journal of Joseph Moore, in *Friend's Miscellany*, VI, 298, 311). He evidently remained here long enough for the romance with which the present document deals to bud. It did not bear fruit, however, for in January, 1803, Isabella Grant became the wife of William Gilkison of Sandwich and in due course bore him eleven sons. McCoskry resigned his army commission in February, 1802. He subsequently took up private practice in Detroit, living for many years in a house on the corner of Woodbridge and Randolph streets. Here he died, May 16, 1831. On Sept. 21, 1814, he married Felicite Levasseur, who was born in Sandwich, Jan. 29, 1782, the daughter of Pierre Levasseur and Marie Ann Leseur. They had two children, a daughter, Felicite, and a son, Alfred. A nephew of Dr. McCoskry was Bishop Samuel A. McCoskry. Data derived from sketch in *Proc. of Land Board of Detroit*, 209-10; Heitman, *Reg. U. S. A.*; Assumption Church Register; obituary note in *Detroit Democratic Free Press and Michigan Intelligencer*, May 19, 1831; and papers of William McCoskry preserved in B. H. Coll.