

time I will send you ready for Execution the deed of Gift which your unbounded Friendship dictates you to make.⁶⁸ I hope your reward will be in a better world In this I know you neither Expect nor wish to have any. however should the wheel of fortune bring me or mine up in a future day we will talk over this matter on an other footing.

You have my most Sincere Thanks as well as those of John for your Application in his behalf to his Excellency General Hunter whether the Appointment takes place or not I hope his Conduct in Office should it take place will never give you cause to repent having been his Security.⁶⁹ In general we are tolerable well, but I'm Often ailing tho hot weather [agrees] with me best. We jointly wish that happiness may be your Lot here & hereafter Adieu my Dear Friend

Your most truly

Isaac Todd Esquire at Montreall

Endorsed: Detroit June the 24th 1801. John Askin Sen^r to Isaac Todd Esquire Merchant Montreall Copy

INDEBTEDNESS OF WILLIAM SMITH

29th June 1801

Sir after my Respects to you I must inform you that I'am Now in Jail for a Writ of five hundred Dollars Damages in your favour I have [torn] thing to Observe to you that Is you Will please to inform me What these Damages is if you Do not inform me that immediately I Shall observe to you that my Resolution is this that I mean Either to Lis't as a Soldier or take the Benefit of the Act for I am not Able to Support myself here in prison I have Suffered a Long time over the River in the prison and have Expend[ed] all my property your answer to this or your person present at this prison Will oblige your humbl[e] Svt

William Smith

John Askins Esq^{re}

⁶⁸ The land given was the tract opposite Belle Isle on which Askin, on removing from Detroit, built his home, Strabane.

⁶⁹ The allusion is to the position of collector of customs at Amherstburg, which John Askin Jr. held from 1801 to 1807.