

Addressed: John Askins Esq^r present

Endorsed: Detroit June the 29th 1801 W^m Smith to John Askin rec^d the 29th & answ^d same date.

INDEBTEDNESS OF WILLIAM SMITH

Sir I have sued you for a debt, good[s] furnished & never paid for, and not Damages, and if you do not make me some payment out of your wages, I will not set you at liberty & perhaps you may find yourself mistaken both as to being a Soldier or geting the benefit of [the] act

Y^r Humble Serv^t

June 29th 1801.

Endorsed: Detroit June 29th 1801. John Askin Senior to W^m Smith. (Copy)

INDEBTEDNESS OF WILLIAM SMITH

29 June 1801

Sir I Rec^d your answer to my first this morning informing me that it was Dept that I am sude for Sir please to Bring forward your ac[c]t and Settle With me and if Right I Will pay you one half of my Wages on Sight & the other half I must pay to M^r Gow^y⁷⁰ I Will Do any thing that is Right With my Creditors I hope you Will understand me and Come and See me or inform me of the ac[c]t in Righting Dont Delay the Business Look on my family and you as a man of feeling of thare Distress you Will Certainly Rather Deliberat[e] me from prison than keep me in Confinement Whare I Can Earn nothing Reflect Call and See me I Remain your Obt Humble Sert

William Smith

John Askins Esq^r

Endorsed: Detroit June 29 1801 William Smith to John Askin Senior rec^d the 29th no answer made

⁷⁰ Probably Robert Gouie of Sandwich, for whose career see *B. H. R.*, I, 308.