

Generals pleasure is known. he has given himself up almost entirely to the drinking of Grog and I think will Scarcly see The Winter out but The immediate Cause of his Suspension was complaints Made by different Indians of has taking their provitions from them after getting it out of The Store. As I have repeatedly heard our Brother John Say he wished much Duggans Appointment I wrote him last fall Saying he ought to lose no time in applying if he still wished it. you can let him know what has taken place and he can then do as he thinks proper. I hope you will find it convenient to Send the things I mention'd in the fall by the first opurtunity. Should it be a Merchant vessel, Col. Smith I have no doubt will arrange The Freight So that it may be Return'd. I believe I [torn] Some plan. here is also a Small memorandum at the bottom.

Madlain joins me in best wishes for you and the whole family and I am Dear Sir

Most Truly yours

R. Richardson⁴

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: S^t Josephs Feb^r 9th 1802 Doc^r Richardson
to Jn^o Askin Recv^d 10^h March Answ^d the 13th

RECOMMENDATION FOR OFFICE OF SHERIFF⁵

Detroit February the 23^d 1802

My Dear Sir Always troubling you for myself or some others. M^r Pollard is gone to Quebec in order to obtain Holy orders if he can. I hope poor man he may succeed for in my oppinion he is twenty times fitter for a clergyman than a Sheriff. this leaves an opening for the latter place. M^r Hands of Sandwich who you have known well wishes to get that place & the first characters here mean to Memorial his excellency the Lieutenant Governor in his behalf as soon as he comes to York, but least there might be an application before that time will you be obliging as to mention M^r Hands his name and intention to Governor in so doing you will serve a poor but worthy man well calculated to fill that

⁴ In the manuscript a memorandum of goods desired follows at this point.

⁵ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.