

office these reasons alone if they even came to you thro a stranger I'm sure would influence you in his behalf, & I believe you are convinced that for my nearest relation I would not request of you to get an unworthy or unfit person into office (If I thought them such) so as to cause any reflection to your recommendation.

As this is a chance opportunity and the letter may not get down I shall write no other by this opportunity. nothing new, since I wrote you & my good Friend M^r James M^cGill by the express. My Family thank God are in good health. My daughter Alice married to M^r Brush—a lawyer who has a good deal of practice and well liked.⁶ Detroit is now a corporation⁷ the limits of which extends from the line between M^r Beaubien & me to the line between the late W^m Macomb & Chene. this it is thought will raise the value of the property within these boundaries I'm by a law of this territory tho' a British Subject named the first of five trustees to make laws for the corporation & put them in force. I mean to move over to the other side in may next and am in hopes of selling my present place of residence on this side. There is some people who have applied to know what you would [sell] some of the lots you and M^r M^cGill got of me for on the British Side. The value of some will be much greater than others of which from information I'm a tolerable good Judge, however untill you get a list of the whole from me I suppose you [will wish to] leave them as they are. Land in my oppinion cannot fall in Value.

I remain My dear Friend Gratefully Yours
Isaac Todd Esquire Merch^t Montreal

SALE OF THE SAGUINAH

Detroit Feb^y 23^d 1802

Mess^{rs} George Meldrum & William Park

Dear sirs Our scatered situations making it now incon-

⁶ For the careers of Elijah Brush and Adelaide (Alice) Askin, see *B. H. R.*, I, 15, 207. The date of Brush's death as there given is incorrect. In a letter to Solomon Sibley, Dec. 6, 1813, John Anderson reports his serious illness; while Benjamin Chittenden, in a letter to Sibley of Dec. 31, states that Brush died after an illness of about two weeks. Mss. in B. H. Coll.

⁷ Detroit was incorporated by act of the General Assembly of the Northwest Territory, Jan. 18, 1802. For an excellent account of the conditions resulting in this development, see Burton's Introduction to *Journal of the Board of Trustees*.