

think you are better acquainted than most people with the tradesmen in and near Montreal. Its of great consequence to me to get these people as I expect to have an interest in a tannery but I would not give higher wages than the 600" each.

I have only to add tha[t] me & mine wish you and yours health & happiness

Adieu Dear Henry yours

Alex^r Henry Esquire Merchant Montreal

Endorsed: [first line illegible] John Askin Senior to Alexander Henry (Copy)

AFFAIRS IN DETROIT

Detroit April 8th 1802

Dear Sir I was favoured with your two letters bearing date 8th Feb^y and 19th March past the former covering an account current and the latter summons's declarations Coppies &^{ca}. I have only as yet lookt slightly over the account however believe [it] to be right. I wish M^r Nichols could get land from Norton^s to discharge it or at least a part. The summons and declarations or copies rather have been properly served on Mess^{rs} John & James M^cGregor and I now inclose you the original with the proof of service. I beg you will not appologize for asking me to do any thing in my power for you here. Im much indebted to you on that score. I'm sorry to observe that M^r John M^cGregors⁹ mode of conduct I fear never will make him Friends. you are most asuredly justifiable in sueing any man that would treat you as it appears he has. I have not employed M^r Woods¹⁰ as he is retained annually for the Mess^{rs} M^cGregors indeed there was no occasion yet I'm sure he wishes to serve you.

8 John Norton, for whose career see *B. H. R.*, I, 457.

9 For the career of John McGregor, see *ibid.*, 369-70.

10 James Woods, the son of a Scotch merchant of St. John's, Lower Canada, was born in 1778. He studied law in Montreal and about the year 1800 came west to Sandwich, where he died on June 18, 1828. In Sandwich he achieved local prominence and prosperity and his activities as attorney caused him to figure frequently in the documents of the period. He was a friend and professional colleague of Solomon Sibley of Detroit, and much of their correspondence is preserved in the B. H. Coll. He was an ensign in the Essex County militia in 1804 and a captain in 1812, but no record of actual service in the war has been