

immediately Home to see his Uncle. were my Circumstances different from what they are I would never suffer them to be in any difficulty. Please tell John for it will be too late to write William that in any matter when he knows I can serve him to freely Ask for [aid]. tho I have had but few opportunities of seeing his Brother and him they have as great a Claim on me as any other of my Grand Children and perhaps a greater as their Father and Mother is no more. The former a most worthy man whose honest Character I esteemed much and the latter a most Dutifull fond Child, very Dear to me I hope poor young fellows they never will be so hard drove as not to be able to do better than take refuge with me yet should it so turn out, my Doors will be always oppen for their reception. William Mentions flour with you being only at 16/ N.Y. Cur^y the Cw^t if you can lay it in at that p[rice] besides Casks &^{ca} and will send up 100 Barrells in the Spring I think I can procure a Sale for it at perhaps 32/ half the profits, to be mine or the Boys for our Trouble if its in John's way & he can furnish 50 of them I dare say you will have no objections. I have not wrote him by this opportunity. Its not unlikely but I may send down the *Saguinah* early. If I do I wish the flour to come in her. If not you shall know in good time and then you can send it by the *Montreall* now at Fort Erie.

There is nothing new at [present] in this Quarter worthy of Notice except Miss Bella Grant being married to Captain Wilkinson not Doctor McCrosky³⁰ I dont know how to spell his name, & Young Thomas McCrae to Miss Little³¹

³⁰ For Doctor William McCoskry's suit for Isabella Grant, see *ante*, 337-39.

³¹ For data concerning Thomas McCrae Sr., see *B. H. R.*, I, 304. He had three sons, William, Thomas, and Alexander. The second of these is apparently the bridegroom of the present document. He married Elizabeth Little on Jan. 4, 1803, the ceremony being performed by James Henry in his capacity as judge of the Court of Common Pleas. The bride may have been a daughter of John Little (for whom see *ibid.*, 305, 309), although her identity is not certainly known. In the marriage entry, Thomas McCrae is designated a "merchant," and various accounts preserved in the B. H. Coll. disclose him as engaged in trade. In 1803 he served as sheriff of Wayne County, and about the same time he performed also the duties of assessor, fire-inspector, marshall, and police officer. In 1809 he petitioned the court in Detroit for a divorce from his wife, who had separated from him in 1807. He was then living in Raleigh Township, Upper Canada, and there were three children of the marriage, Ann, Eliza, and George, born respectively in 1804, 1806, and 1808. A letter of James Woods to Solomon Sibley, May 22, 1818 (ms. in B. H. Coll.), discloses that McCrae had become intemperate and dissolute, and that his father's estate had been willed chiefly to the elder and younger brothers of Thomas Jr. See Ont. Bureau of Archives, *Third Report, passim*; Burton, *Journal of the Board of Trustees, passim*; and Burton, Forsyth-Kinzie-Little genealogy and mss. in Sibley papers, in B. H. Coll., *passim*.