

for want of Money I would take any Valuable thing else [as] payment. how M^r Anderson who gave me in an Account of what he received, did not mention your having paid him, surprises me much, for I know he likes you and will be sorry for what happened and yet he is in some degree the cause for not letting me know that you paid. An other matter also surprises me why you did not show M^r Anderson's receipt when M^r Brush asked payment. I shall only add that I feel for all Gentlemen with large familys therefore never wished to distress them If it could be avoided & I'm sure M^r Brush has the same disposition I am Sir

Your most Obed^t very humble Servant
Cap^t Whistler at Detrot

Endorsed: Near Sandwich July 9th 1803 John Askin
Sen^r to Captain Whistler at Detroit. (Copy)

DEATH OF HUGH HEWARD³⁷

Near Sandwich July 22^d 1803

Sir Your favour of the 20th June last did not reach me untill last evening the Widow Heward arrived here some time ago & delivered to me the last Will and Testament of the late M^r Hugh Heward saying it was his directions to deliver it into my hands she also offered to deliver me over a Trunk with his papers but as I seen the great impropriety of acting as Executor when I could not be of use I therefore declined the papers and as to the will I wish to deliver it either to the widow who gave it to me or any other who may be duly authorized The Honorable D. W. Smith should he come out, of course is the properest person being also an executor and being on the spott may be able to render Service as the deceased, his property is in that Quarter. in this I believe he has but little, except a few debts. any assistance I can give in recovering them or in any other manner, If I can help the Widow Son or Nephew of an Old Friend I will most cheerfully do, when authorized by whoever may be legally appointed. I have but little knowledge of the late M^r Hewards property you who reside at York should know best what will remain for his Widow Son and Nephew

³⁷ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.