

to pay his Debts. Of Pierre Gamelins Obligations I have made the most. I established his right to some Land and then to obtain it from him I agreed, to give up one of the Notes for the part he owned after allowing myself part for my trouble and Expençe in securing it. a Tract adjoining that which you will obtain by your Judgment ag^t Paul Gamelin will form the greatest part of what will be coming to the Estate of Tho^s Williams by this transaction. I therefore wish you would attend to have it and the other ascertained. Gamelin's Conveyance to me has been recorded at Detroit where that tract is situate, and the Deed for the other in this County. When I can dispose of it so as to realise, you shall be informed, or M^r Fraser. Unfortunately, Gamelin is almost always intoxicated at the Expençe of *any person* so that there is no hopes of ever getting any more Property from him; for at present he has none, nor can he ever acquire any. Should any favorable circumstance occur respecting your own business or that of those Gentlemen's Estates, you shall be regularly informed by the Mail.

In the mean time I take the liberty of presenting my most respectful comp^{ts} to M^{rs} Askin and all your Family; and of wishing you all many happy returns of the Season, in which none can be more sincere than Dear Sir

Your much obliged and most obedient Serv^t

William M^cIntosh

John Askin Esquire.

APPOINTMENT AT ST. JOSEPH

Montreal 24 Decemb^r 1803

My dear Sir I was dully favord with yours of the 5^h Octb^r respecting your Son Johns wish to get the appointment M^r Chaboillez⁴⁴ has at S^t Josephs. I beli[e]ve you must be wrong[ly] informed respecting that Gent^m quitting his situation. I have enquired at his friends here, allso at

⁴⁴ Charles Chaboillez was appointed clerk and storekeeper at St. Joseph Island in the summer of 1802, succeeding Thomas Duggan, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 286. He remained here until the summer of 1807, when he was succeeded by John Askin Jr., who reported that he intended to go to Lower Canada within a month. See *post*, 553-54. Various allusions to Chaboillez at St. Joseph are found in Vol. XXIII of *Mich. Pio. Colls.*