

INDEBTEDNESS OF ROBERT DICKSON

Montreal 14 October 1805

My dear Sir I address you on a Subject which involves almost my all. Mess Robert Dickson & C^o of Mackinaw owe my House a very large Sum of money indeed and they owe also 20 others who may not be disposed to act candidly & fairly but endeavour to get all they can. I wish therefore to know whether an attachment on Goods or other property can be obtained from the Courts on the American Side, on an open Account proven before one of our Judges or if any other formality is necessary.

I may have occasion for your Son in Laws Services, possibly I may request your own personally, all which you will keep to yourself, except inquiring by what process debts can be come at in the Government of Detroit & how far it extends. My mind has been greatly agitated & must continue so for a length of time, if you can alleviate it I know you will do it. I again recommend the greatest secrecy in this business and request you to believe me My Dear Sir

Your sincere Friend & Obed^t Serv^t

James M^cGill

P. S. Is there a Bankrupt Law in the Detroit Government, and if so, what is necessary to be done to get out a Statute of Bankruptcy? J. M^c G

Do not omit writing by every opportunity under cover to a Friend at Queenston or Kingston or York.

John Askin Esq^r

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: Montcal Oct^r 14^h 1805 James M^cGill Esq^r to Jn^o Askin Rec^d About the 26^h and Answ^d about 28^h Nov^r

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I wrote you My dear Sir two letters one of which I fear you'll Never get, From Mr Thomas Dickson trusting a poor silly drunken body I brought here as a servant with all my western letters for you Mr^s Grant Duff &c &c. The wretch