

Dear Sir Your Most Obedient & devoted very Humble
Servant

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P. S. Compliments to Cap^t Obrion⁸²

L^t Colonel England of 24^h Reg^t at Montreal

Endorsed: Detroit July 30^h 1796 Jn^o Askin to L^t Colonel
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PARTNERSHIP IN CARPENTER TRADE

THIS INDENTURE made the Eleventh day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-Six Between John Hembro⁸³ of Detroit, Carpenter of the one Part and John Armstrong of the other part Witnesseth that the Said John Hembro and John Armstrong having had Experience of Each other's Care and Fidelity, in Confidence thereof for the future advantage of Each other have agreed upon a Copartnership and Joint Trade in Carrying on the Trade of Carpenter & Ship or boat Building and therefore Each of them Doth Respectively and for their Several and Respective Executors and Administrators Covenant promise and agree To and with the other of them his Executors and administrators by these presents that from and after the Twelfth Day of August Instant, they the Said John Hembro and John Armstrong Shall be and Continue Copartners and Joint Traders in the art Mystery Trade and business of Carpenters Viz house and Ship building that is To Say in buying Selling Vending Exchanging and uttering of all Sorts of Workmanship and other things Incident and belonging To the Trade of Carpenters &^{ee} and also in the Management and Doing of all such other business as they shall think fit and mutually agree and Consent To Trade in and

⁸² Edward James O'Brien, who was commissioned ensign in the Twenty-fourth Regiment, Feb. 28, 1788, and captain, Oct. 28, 1795. He was stationed at Detroit during Colonel England's régime.

⁸³ John Hembrow was born in Devonshire, England, about the year 1744. He became a seaman in the navy, but in 1784 he was in New York and apparently had left the navy. On Nov. 19, 1796, he leased for ten years a tract of land on Grosse Ile, belonging to the estate of William Macomb, and in this document he described himself as a shipbuilder. In 1800 he seems to have been living in Sandwich, where he died, June 6, 1809. He married Margaret Wilson, a native of Amsterdam, New York, and children were born to them in Detroit in 1787 and 1789. Margaret Wilson died in 1793. Descendants of Hembrow were living in Sandwich until recent years. Information adapted from letters in B. H. Coll. and burial inscriptions in Hembrow family plot in St. John's churchyard, Sandwich.