

conveyed to you without referring to me for its value. several persons want to purchase, & some I know from its situation will buy it even if more was asked for it than its value. Mr Pattinson has made several Offers, among others £100 in Cash & an other £100 next year or five hundred Acres of Land in the lower part of this Province. I said I would take upon me to let him have it for £300 and not a penny less. I dare say he will try to get it for less by applying to you and its for this reason I give you this warning Mr Smith I think said if he would have taken Lumber which sells well he could have got £500 for it. I dont think Mr Pattinson wants it for himself but I think I know for whom. several who have endeavoured to bargain with me about Lands belonging to Mr McGill & yourself have told me they could get them much cheaper from Yourselves. I know the land to be worth what I ask for them if you can do without what could now be got for them they must soon bring double for the best of the settlement between this & the River Thames, and as there is now a good land & Water communication from them to either the River Thames or here and all other Lands so situated being taken up they are more desirable for situation than others nor is the soil inferior. I must wait for more favourable weather to go to Detroit, after which Mr McGill & you shall have a clear Amount [account] of what of your claims are confirmed & what not brought forward or rejected. I expect soon to hear of Your safe arrival from the United States. please tell Mr McGill that after I have been at Detroit I will answer his favour of the 4th Jan^y which came to hand the 20th of last Month

My Family all well and assure you of their best wishes
Adieu My Dear Friend

Yours always

Isaac Todd Esquire Montreal

P. S. I beg you will endeavour to procure me a Frenchman pretty old and without a Family to do the Work about the House. he should be carefull honest & sober, which I would prefer to hard Work. care of Cattle and small Jobs about the House, & Thrashing when he has nothing else to do, is all will be required of him You or my Good Friend