

being at Mich. in June, and as a Fri[e]nd (knowing what you have done for me & mine) I'm sure will give every Assistance in his power, to whoever may go from your House there

I'm sorry to learn that Mr Todd is not in good Health. I fear for his situation. yet I hope for the best, such Fri[e]nds are rearly to be met with, & an old one is worth Ten new. Indeed I make few of the latter.

May Health of Body & Peace of mind be your Portion, are the Sincere wishes of My Dear sir

Your Ever Obliged Fri[e]nd

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TROUBLES OF MONTREAL MERCHANTS

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My dear Askin It is a long time since I received any of your letters, you have not informed me whether you received your Boots. I find you have received the first dividend for the Lands. I hope they will not neglect to fulfill their agreements. as you have regular Communication with the States, you know all the European News, which is very bad for us. that rogue Bonapart is not only playing the Devil, but in reality is the Devil Come to Torment the inhabitants of the Earth, and when his reign will end no one knows. I am afraid not until he gets into England, and we are going to have war with America. I have wrote to M^r Brush. have not received a line from him since he remitted me the amount in his Hands. I hope he has got something from Fagos estate. I observe in his letter he mentions only the debts due to the Estate of Thomas William & C^o he must observe that equally the debts due to the estate of John Casity must be look^d into as he is most indebted to Williams estate than any other. the goods seised at S^t Marys by the American Commessary belonging to the Northwest C^o is orderd to be given up, and the seizing officer dismisd [from] the service. Todd is much