

and have the Lots described & Numbered so that they may be known if the whole could be sold it would be better I see you have got security for M^r B[r]ush to me and I hope next year Rulands [debt] will be settled I think it probable the Bank⁶⁹ &^{ea} may make land more valuable as Money gets plenty. pray what have you done with Park about the Mill? his conduct is shamefull. As S^t Josiph is now going to be the place of Depot & residence of the British Traders it will be more comfortable & better for Johnny if he gets the appointments of M^r Chaboillez and I think he ought to apply immediatly to Gov^r Gore⁷⁰ & he may state that he can assure his Excell^y of the recommendation of M^r M^cGill M^r Richardson, M^r M^cGillivray & me the others I am sure of. M^r Hamilton has informed me of his intentions respecting Charles which I am glad of but he thinks he delays too long at Detroit I now write the Commod^e with best wishes for you M^{rs} Askin & family, health & Happiness believe me My D friend

Yours Sinc[e]rely
Isaac Todd

P S if any of my property could be realised & paid Next Year it will be verry usefull to me perticularly what is owing me being by your Acc^t £905 York I am told M^r Chaboillez has resigned & as M^r M^cGill corresponds with Gov^r Gore he now requests his appointing Johnny to succed M^r Chaboillez

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Endorsed: Montreal Dec^r 20^h 1806 Isaac Todd Esq^r
to Jn^o Askin recv^d y 26 Jan^y 1807 Answ^d y^e 27^h

69 The Bank of Detroit, authorized by act of the governor and judges on Sept. 19, 1806, was the first banking institution in Michigan and the only one until after the War of 1812. Its charter was annulled by Congress in 1807, and after a stormy career the institution went out of existence in 1808. See Burton, *City of Detroit, 1701-1922*, I, 622-27.

70 Francis Gore, lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada, June, 1806 to 1817, was born in Blackheath, Kent, England, in 1769. He served as an officer in the army from 1787 to 1802, retiring with the rank of major. He was absent from Canada from 1811 to 1815, and his rule, when present, was stormy. After retiring to England, he served as deputy teller of the Exchequer from 1818 until 1832. He died in Brighton, Nov. 3, 1852. See Read, *Lt. Govs. U. Can.*, 67 ff.