

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO ISAAC TODD AND JAMES MCGILL

Near Sandwich March 25th 1807

My Dear Friends, Thanks to God & you I enjoy both Health of Body & Peace of mind which has not been the Case for many Years I have not had any disorders yet the mind has great influence on the Body.

I have wrote one or both of you almost every Post. I got a Letter yesterday from Mr Brush saying that he would now get Deeds from the American Government for the Lots gave in Exchange for those you held in the Town of Detroit. The misunderstandings between the Governor, Chief Justice, &^{ea} who are Commissionors for Granting Lands has retarded that Business at Detroit very much but I'm now in hopes things will change for the better. I believe Congress has heretofore not decided on Claims in & about DEtroit untill they heard whither or no their misunderstandings with the British Government would be settled to their likeing and as that has now taken place I should hope that their Government would Act with liberality in their decissions on Claims belonging to British Subjects. I'ts to be lamented much that our Government at Home has not been made acquainted with the situation of British Subjects who resided at Detroit. I dare say it would have been an easy matter to have inserted in the new Treaty that all British Subjects Claiming Lands at DEtroit prior to the Evacuation of that Post would be confirmed in their Claims. it would not have been an Object worth the American Minister at London contending for.

Lieu^t Governor Gore has been pleased to say that as soon as Mons^r Chabouillez gives in his resignation Johny shall have his Appointment of Interpreter and Store Keeper at the Island of St Josephs. to Your Recommendation I have little doubt this is oweing principally.

Though the Commodore & Mr Hamilton both were so kind as to recommend him, His Excellency has also been pleased to Appoint me Trustee of a Public School to be Errected in the District & likewise sent a Commission for me to Administer Oaths throughout the Whole of the Province of Upper Canada. As I have not yet seen the