

Commission I cant well say of what Nature it is, but I understand its giving me an Authority to do some act that could only be done by the Judges of the Court of Kings Bench. To you my Dear Friends, I must be indebted for this preference given by the Governor, for of me he could not know much. I by this opportunity send his Secretary a list of the Names of those who made their Election to continue British Subjects at Detroit prior to the first of June 1797. Agreeable to our Treaty with the United States. my [reason for] doing so is that in his Proclamation he seems very desirous to know those who adhered to the British Government.

There is one situation in this Quarter by which I might make something & I believe the Duties of which I could fullfill, but on account of my Health I would not dare risk and that is District Judge. the present One is going away I hear, & if the place is not promised, Im sure I would obtain it, indeed I'm sure I could many Years ago. I mention this, least you who I know [are] always, on the Watch to serve me might without saying anything to me apply for it on hearing of its being vacant.

I was for two Reasons induced to put my Son Alex^r at Mr Brush's to learn the Profession of a Lawyer rather than to anyone in the Province the first was that I believe Mr Brush's profesional knowledge at least equal to any Lawyer we have, but there seems to be an Act that whoever does not serve his time in this Province is excluded from pleading in it. This However I should hope would not extend to my Son who is an Officer in the British Militia and does his Duty as such & does all others as if residing on this Side & who has constantly refused several Offers made him by the Governor on the other side if he would become a Citizen. I'm very desirous to know Lieu^t Governor Gores Sentiments on this subject & for that purpose requested Mr Hamilton to mention the matter. if either of You should meet His Excellency I wish You would broach the Subject to him.

Whatever May be my Intentions when I begin my Letter, I never can write you a Short one. I must always trouble you with my wants and wishes, Which probably may con-