

An old man of seventy years, twenty-eight of them passed in the service of the King, does he deserve such treatment?

He must, however, await the release due to his innocence and this could only be effected by an examination of these affairs from their inception, setting them forth in their true light, but since no Court of Equity is possible in this province he must submit to the revolting sentence of that creditor who had him imprisoned unless His Honor, the Governor of this Province, in Council, by his kindness, consideration, and authority, finds some reason to change, or at least to modify, a law which gives a creditor power unto death, often unjustly.

May Your Honor mercifully pity the widow of a living husband and children orphaned of a father in his lifetime, who, with that too unfortunate father, unite their feeble prayers to those of the public generally, hopefull of a happier future under your government, and who will ever pray, etc.

N. B. The bearer is extremely troubled and in some measure discouraged, especially by the idea of the doubt he has, lest Lawyer Allet,²¹ having given such poor service the first time, may do no better in this last suit. I beg you to re-assure him and to give him hopes of success.

Mr. Allan came to find out about things from me. He seemed to have my son's interest at heart and told me his non-appearance at the office of the deputy clerk would be fatal to his suit. Mr. Allan was surprised Lawyer Allet had not done it for him. You tell him the reason why Lawyer Allet preferred to send to York.

Would it not be well to engage another lawyer to work with Lawyer Allet?

RECOVERY OF FUGITIVE SLAVE

Detroit Aug^t 2^d 1807

John Askin Esq^r

D^r sir, My Daughter informs me that yesterday she found my Negro Nobbin at Pikes Creek and bro^t him with her as far as your House and there left him, (he being appre-

²¹ Probably William Elliott of Sandwich, who is noted *ante*, 503.