

when commanding a Kings vessel & that it was to be ret<sup>d</sup> to the King. this happened three years ago that Beaubien got the Anchor

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# AMERICAN RASCALITY DENOUNCED

Montreal 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1808

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My dear friend By the bearer M M<sup>c</sup>Gregor you will recive my Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> his being detained gives me the opportunity of acknolegi[n]g receipt<sup>t</sup> of your favor of the 3<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> you may remember I predicted that Smiths answering for payment was only to deceive you, and tho I will always be glad to hear from you & to know you are well, yet I am so out of patiance with your Rascally Country, and seeing that every letter only makes me regret I Ever knew it, your writing must be painfull to you as it is to me to read, for I see there is no chance of ever getting any thing for all my property that cost so much and from various disappointments I realy want it. from what you say neither Rulund nor Smith owes the Money and there it ends, and tho you dont say so directly yet I suppose all our property on the American Side is gon[e], and M<sup>r</sup> Brush appears no better than the rest indeed I am so vexed altho I must feel the want of so much property, I never expect to hear any thing good from the Country. God Bless you

Isaac Todd

P S it realy exceeds any thing I Ever read of that a Mortgage for a Just debt, is of no use and that Lands bo<sup>t</sup> & Registred shall be given to others, it cant be. I will not be surprised if I live until 1<sup>st</sup> Octt<sup>r</sup> 1810 (the time M<sup>r</sup> Brush is to pay for the property he bo<sup>t</sup>) that he claims it as his without paying a penny principal or Interest such is my opinion from what I have experienced, that if a Man wanted my coat I would give it fearing if I went to Law he would get my shirt allso. indeed the American Govern<sup>t</sup> is a