

reason for Renting it was that the place might not only be kept in good repair, but also give time for the Patent to come out & prevent some Rascal setting down on it, at these unsettled times when the American Government have no great wish to serve British Subjects. I need hardly say to You or M^r Todd, that I at all times have & ever intend to serve Your interest so far as in my Power lies, though I have heretofore not been very successfull, however everything considered Mild Measures are the best to be pursued relative to obtaining a British Subjects rights in & about Detroit. Indeed whoever tries other measures I believe will be defeated but God knows the degree of patience should be very great in him who has business there, often has mine been put to trial and caused me Ten times more uneasiness than my Broken Arm I wait the warm weather (which I expect next Month) in Order to go over the River, for though well, I dare not go from home at this Cold season. I think that I mentioned that 6 Lots say Town, was got in lieu of the little Houses belonging to You and M^r Todd, on the Commons I find there are 7 Certificates 4 of which are for You & three for M^r Todd this exceeds what You were both to get so that M^r Todd will have to pay in perhaps 20 Dollars and some of his Lots are not as [large as ?] Yours. I made the Divission as Near as I could so that You might have double the Value he had for You had two Houses & he but One. may Health and happiness attend You both, are the constant prayers & wishes of me & mine.

Adieu my Dear Friend

James M^cGill Esquire

P. S. I most sincerely regret the loss of that worthy Man my Friend M^r Hamilton, he is a great loss not only to his Family but to his Country.

Endorsed: Near Sandwich March 29th 1809. John Askin Senior To James M^cGill Esquire (Copy)