

power. At present I cannot assist you, but with advice. If I had money, I would accept of your land at the price you state. and I have written to my Brother to know if he can relieve you, and authorise me to take your land, provided I can be released from the promise I made to sell N^o 73 in the Summer. Till this is determined I cannot send you the Deeds you requested. Your Rock Tract is a bad farm for an American farmer; and for that reason alone it has not been sold: I have always endeavored to buy that adjoining, and both would make an excellent Plantation. I now enclose you Hunots Obligation for which you have my Receipt which please return to me when you write next. I expect some money will be recovered from Barsaloux Estate, but when or how much I cannot yet inform you, as his Administrator is much embarrassed. Not having been able to sell any land, I have not the ability to remit you an account of what I received back from Vigo for the Company; and perhaps when I have made up my final Accounts with you, but little may be coming to you from that Source.

Present my Respects to M^{rs} Askin and your Family and be assured that I am most sincerely your most

Obed^t and most humble Ser^t

Will. M^cIntosh

P. S. It will occur to you that whether you refer the determination of your affair to men at this place who will be governed by the Certificates, or to a Jury, still it must be decided by men in this place as the Defend^t lives here, as there is no probability of finding him in another Country.

W. M^cI.

Addressed: John Askin Esquire near Sandwich upper Canada Favor of M^r DuBois.

Endorsed: recev^d April 9th

OBLIGATIONS OF ELIJAH BRUSH¹

April the 6th 1809

Dear Sir, I am just favoured with Yours of Yesterday's date, & think that the only answer for the present which is

¹ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.