

during her stay to hire a House at a high rate, & not knowing my present circumstances, applied to me for the first time since She is Married for £25 Hallifax (her yearly income not being due.) this Sum it was out of my power to get by any other means than applying to Jn^o indeed I made no other application & he poor fellow sent me a Draft on Mess^{rs} Forsyth Richardson & C^o for that Sum which Draft I now inclose you & request that you will have it exchanged for a Bill on London and sent to M^{rs} Meredith, directed as follows to M^{rs} *Lieut Colonel Meredith* of the Royal Artillery at *Woolwich Kent*, England she was necessitated to go home on account of her Son who had or soon was to get his Commission she Sailed the 25th of last Month. John Writes me in case there not being enough in Mess^r Forsyth Richardson & C^o hands still to pay the Bill, as he was by a Letter from M^r Selby to him (which he sent me) to get immediately a full Years pay that was due, & had been kept back owing to some mistake though none of his. I now come to a request of John's (who like the rest of my Family you have encouraged to trouble you) which is to use your influence with the Commander in Chief to get the appointment of asistant Commissary & Barrack master at Island S^t Josephs for his Son Jean Baptist Askin who under the Eyes of his Father I'm persuaded would do the duty well. that John's accounts are more than those from any other of the out Departments & Lieut Governor Gore seems so pleased with his conduct that he has added that of Collector to his other employments. you will please observe that if there should be any impropriety (of which you are the best Judge) in applying for these situations for J. Baptist Askin, his Father as well as myself would be very far from wishing to urge the matter, but if no appointment is already made, & the Government wishes to be well served, I think John will take care that his Son does the duty faithfully To this letter as I before mentioned, I will only add one matter which relates to You & Me In my last I mentioned the great mistake I had committed in my settlement with M^r Smith & although its Consequences perhaps is nothing, yet it returns often to my Mind, as I reproach myself with such an oversight more than anything ever happened to me in all my mercantile transactions. I know I was lead to this, but least said is