

LAND TITLES IN DETROIT

Montreal 15^h Jan^y 1813

My dear Friend My last Letter to you was the 10^h Octb^r to which Reffer I there mentioned having wrote to Niagara to obtain an order from Gen^l Brock respecting the Deeds taken in an American boat.¹ his death will have prevented his interfering but I have no doubt Coln^l Proctor will allow you, or say M^r Pollard to examine the papers & to detain such as you want, I still recommend keeping possesion of the whole as I am convinced what ever may be [the] fate of the Michigan Teritory no upright court of Justice, can take that property from me or M^r M^cGill. I observe what you say of the Value of my property on both sides of your River I agree with you that at present there is no disposing of Property as you seem to think M^r Pattison would still give £200 Cash for Smiths farm, if so I wish you to sell it him as this sum will be of more use to me now then a much Larger some time hence. I perticularly remark what you say about M^r Brush, that you hold his Bond & Mortgage to me for £460 with near 8 years Interest, that the property is more valuable then when he sold it. this will in part depend on the settlement of the Michigan Teritory at Peace. there is Representations gon[e] home praying it may be made Neutral Ground & I must think it strange M^r B. has not paid any part of this purchas. he is said to have the means & you think he has the inclination, which I hope may be the Case tho your friend Alex Henry says he has receivd Money for him which he neither can get an Account of nor even an Answer to a Letter. it would be particularly usefull to me could he

¹ The allusion is to the capture at Amherstburg on July 2, 1812, of the *Cuyahoga* on which General Hull had sent his personal baggage, some camp equipment, sick soldiers and several wives of officers from the Maumee Rapids to Detroit. On the vessel, also was Aaron Greeley, who was returning to Detroit from Washington with the titles to certain pieces of real estate in which Todd and James McGill were interested. See *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, V, 54-55.