

I could recollect. The others you will have great goodness by putting in train for their destinations. The governor arrived this day.

God assist you prays,

D. W. SMITH.

NIAGARA, 6 August, 1792

MY DEAR SIR,—Your letter which you honored me with gave me great satisfaction. I hope I may not be too much buoyed up with the hopes you give me of succeeding to the election. Your doubts about the right of voting on your side of the water will be removed before this. If, therefore, there is any difficulty in bringing me in for Essex, and one of the Kent seats goes abegging, I should be flattered to be returned for that county. Mr. Baby tells me he wrote to his Brother Francois to set up for Essex. This may perhaps cause some confusion, as the French people no doubt will vote for him; and Capt. Caldwell's interest may perhaps gain him the settlers on Lake Erie. Their sentiments will I hope be sufficiently known beforehand that I may not be set up without chance. Mr. Baby told me, however, that he rather thought Francois would decline setting up, in which case I should have his interest; and at all events, if Francois had made a party previous to his arrival in Essex and was likely to succeed, he would then give me his interest in Kent.

I leave the weight of the transaction on your shoulders, and whatever you do for me therein I shall be perfectly satisfied, and I believe I know you well enough to think you do not require many apologies from me for so much trouble. I will endeavour to repay you in the House of Assembly, if I succeed.

I wrote you in my last in case of success to have an ox roasted on the Common and to give the mob a barrell of rum. Mr. Pollard tells me the hustings will probably be held for Essex somewhere about the River's mouth—this therefore may perhaps be a better site for the beef and rum. I am exceptionally unwell for a long time. I hope, however, to weather through the winter, and should I be elected, I shall pay you a visit in the spring—to be chaired!

The Judge I think while here did not wish to give me any hopes of the French people for very plain and substantial reasons, and for this candid behaviour I am obliged to him, as it has prepared me for the worst. I forgot to tell you that before the Governor arrived he wrote to my father that he adopted all that he had recommended on the score of the land business, which was nearly a counterpart of the Board's Report, so that I hope that everything will go on as smoothly with you there.