

be determined by two or more indifferent Persons, equally chosen by both.

In Testimony of our free & full Assent to the above Agreement, and of our Intention to perform & fulfil every Article thereof, We the abovementioned Parties have hereunto set our Hands and Seals at Niagara the third Day of August, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty one.

Hamilton & Cartwright (L.S.)

John Askin (L.S.)

Witness present.

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Richard Beasley²⁹

Endorsed: Niagara Aug^t 3^d 1781 Act of Partnership between Mess^{rs} Hamilton & Cartwright & Jn^o Askin.

²⁹ Richard Beasley was a trader who, prior to the year 1792, was established at the western end of Lake Ontario, where the city of Hamilton has since developed. It would seem from statements of J. Ross Robertson, editor of Mrs. Simcoe's *Diary* (p. 324-25), that Beasley's descendants are still living in this vicinity. See also Journal of P. Campbell, reprinted in Niagara Hist. Soc., *Papers*, No. 26, p. 12, and Wentworth Hist. Soc., *Journal and Transactions*, IV, 17-18.