

Man for it Yourself. I must likewise desire You to excuse me that I sent for 3 Barrels of Pork, and 2 had been sufficient. But it was not my fault. I was much disappointed by a person neglecting what had been his duty, and therefore have one Barrel yet on hands which I do not see that I can sell for Corn without loss. I believe I could sell it pretty well for Sugar in the Spring, but will do nothing without Your consent. I therefore request of You to let me know, what would be most agreeable to You, to take it down to You again in the Spring or to sell it for Sugar. It is shut just as it was, never opened.

My best Wishes I beg leave to Compliment You with, in the New Year, and am

Dear Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

John Heckenwalder³

Addressed: M^r John Askin Merch^t at Detroit

Endorsed: River Huron Jan^y 7th 1786

M^r Heckenwalder to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 16^h & Answ^d same day N^o 1

SALE OF MORAVIAN VILLAGE

River Huron Feb^{ry} 26th 1786

Sir It may not be unknown to You, that we the Missionaries, now Living on the River Huron⁴ were towards the end of the last War taken and carried with the Christian Indians belonging to Us to Sandusky. We were from thence

³ John Gottlieb Ernestus Heckenwelder, the noted missionary, was born at Bedford, England, March 12, 1745, the son of a German exile. In 1754 the family migrated to America, locating at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1762 young Heckenwelder accompanied Christian Frederick Post on a journey to the Muskingum, and a few years later he was acting as Zeisberger's assistant in the Susquehanna Valley. After almost a quarter of a century of missionary labors among the western Indians, he retired to Bethlehem in the autumn of 1786, but engaged at various times thereafter in missionary work until his seventieth year, when he retired permanently to his home at Bethlehem. He died Jan. 31, 1823. He is the author of several valuable works pertaining to his labors and to the Indian tribes. Information adapted from Zeisberger's *Diary*, I, xxv-xxvi, and Heckenwelder's *Narrative of the Mission of the United Brethren among the Delaware and Mohegan Indians* . . . (Wm. E. Connelley, ed., Cleveland, 1907).

⁴ Concerning the work of the Moravian missionaries, here alluded to, an extensive literature has developed. A convenient resumé of the Huron River Moravian settle-