

called into Detroit, where in a Council, the Warriors present, our cause was tried, and We honourably acquitted, after which Major, now Col^l De Peyster furnished us with Necessary's and a Pass to return and Live with our Indians in Peace, but finding soon after that our Life was in Danger, he in the Spring following, sent for Us to come into Detroit. We lived formerly on the River Muskingum, where we had for Years together enjoyed Peace on all sides. We had Three large Villages and thro Industry our Indians were so far advanced, that they hardly knew or remembered of anything they wanted. Large and compleat dwelling Houses, with furniture; a great Number of Horses; upwards of 200 Cattle; besides some hundreds of Hogg's, with the Corn on the Ground ripe for Harvest amounting at a moderate Computation to 5000 Bushel, were either Destroyed there, or afterwards lost. A few Days after our arival at Detroit, Col^l De Peyster consulted our welfare, and wished with Us, to see Us settled with our Indians again, that they might further be instructed in the Gospel way. He first proposed to Us, to return over the Lake to where our Indians was, and promised evry assistance in his Power, but we being too sensible, that the same People who were the cause of our Destruction were still residing among the Indians, and of whom we had good reason to believe, wished rather the Indians might remain as they was, than to be converted or civilized, would always be ready to do Us any Mischieff which lay in their Power. The Col^o believing the Aprehen-tion we were under not to be groundless, proposed next: That We and our Indians should settle down the River, either on an Island, or any other place, which might suit Us best, but as objections were made, the Island being to heavy Timbered, and the War path passing by the other places, he at length consulted the Chibbuway Chiefs, and it was agreed upon between them, that We might Live on their Land on this River⁵ until Peace should be made, then

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5 The modern Clinton River, known a century ago as the Huron. The site chosen