

Addressed: Mr John Askin Merch^t at Detroit

Endorsed: River Huron Feb^r 27th 1786 Mr Heckenwelder
To Jn^o Askin Answ^d N^o 1

MAJOR ANCRUM'S RESPONSE TO APPEAL OF MORAVIANS

Detroit March the 1st 1786

Gentlemen Your Letter of the 26^h of last Month to Major Ancrum Commandant of this Post I delivered and to which he desired me to give you the following Answer.

That he looks Upon your Letter as a fair Honnest Narrative of the Manner in which you came to and settled at this Place and as it Appears to him that from a wilderness by your Industry you have made a good Settlement for so Short a time, he thinks it very Just that your labour should not be in Vain, & in Order to Defeat the Ungenirous & mean Intentions of those who you say wait the moment of your Departure to take Possession of your Place without rewarding you for the Improvements you have made—he will himself make you a reasonable recompence for what you have done & represent the Matter to the Commander in Chief; Added to which you will have his Pass and Protection to return to your former Place of Aboad with some Assistance to your People. There will be a person Appointed to take charge of Your Place when you remove

I am Gentlemen Your Most obed^t Humble Serv^t
Mess^{rs} Zeisberger, Hickenwelder, Edwards & their Bretheren

Endorsed: Detroit March 1st 1786 Jn^o Askin to Mess^{rs}
Zeisburger Heckenwelder, Edwards &^{ca}

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SURVEY OF MORAVIAN SETTLEMENT¹³

Moravian Town 13th March 1786

Sir I have agreable to your directions begun at (or rather

¹³ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.