

Above) the Uppermost Corn fields, and surveyed as far down as the War pole & Cabbins, where I left off. You will see by the plan of the River enclosed herein, that I have not yet a Straight line of two miles and an half, observing that it is plotted by a Scale of Ten Chains to half an inch, it nevertheless comprehends all the best land on the River. M^r Edwards informs me that all the land on the N. E side of the River is high-up-Land and M^r Heckewelder who has explored the side where the Town is, says that better cannot be found, but is apprehensive that if the Back lines only run Twenty Acres, that much of it will be left out, I have therefore not done Any part of them untill I hear farther from you. I must again refer you to the Chart of the River, which I am positive is exactly laid down—The Corn fields are marked thus [figure]. Should you be at a loss to know which War pole & cabbins I mean it is where M^r Arden¹⁴ asked whether trophies were attached to it.

Two of the Men, Miller and a soldier were here Yesterday to grind an Ax. they say they have not yet made above Seven Miles of the Road. All the Indians are gone to work upon the Road¹⁵ this morning & will continue working at untill they Meet your Men, which will be as they say in two days, they have made an excellent Bridge next the Town. The Indians on the road request you will send them Some Tobacco for smoaking. M^r Chevalier Du Quindre has left 47^{lb} Bread with M^r Heckewelder to trade for Racoons. There Are no Racoons, and The Bread is getting mouldy! we have therefore taken Upon our Selves to give it to the Pathmakers and leave you to settle it with M^r Du Quindre. The Houses twenty-seven in Number are all marked, in a fair draught. hereafter I shall Number the Corn fields. The ice in the River is almost decayed. The Bearers are

¹⁴ Humphrey Arden was commissioned ensign in the Thirty-fourth Regiment, March 1, 1776, lieutenant, Aug. 2, 1780, and adjutant of the regiment, June 23, 1783. Since Major Ancrum of the Thirty-fourth Regiment commanded at Detroit from the spring of 1784 to the spring of 1786, it is probable that Arden's stay here coincided with this period.

¹⁵ The road whose opening is here recorded ran from Detroit to the Moravian settlement. Its construction marks the beginning of modern Gratiot Avenue.