

proved Only One corn field with a Garden and some small Lot in the rear of his House. That the deponant for himself & Major Ancrum purchased the Soil of the afores^d Improvements with other Lands adjoining of the Chippaway Indians (Eleven of the Principals having signed the Deed of Sale) for a Valuable Consideration as will more fully Appear by the Deed of Sale recorded by Peter Audrain Esq^r at Detroit in Book N^o 1 Page 95 & by the late Geo. Hoffman Esq^r in the Land Office at Detroit in Liber E Folio 6. That the Deponant went to considerable Expence for himself & s^d Major Ancrum in laying out & making a road of 21 miles in length through the Woods from part of the Detroit settlem^t to said place called Moravian Town or Village as can be proven by the Deponants Books of Account. That Immediately After the departure of said Moravian Ministers & their Indians s^d Deponant made an Agreement^t with John Cornwall²³ to go there & take charge of the place whoes Oath as well as that of a man called Robert Dowler²⁴ will best prove how long they remained, what persons were on the place as tenants holding of the Deponant & Major Ancrum, how long they remained & what small part of that tract the late Richard Connor & no Other laid claim to. The Deponant further saith, That after s^d Cornwall, Dowler & several Others who were On these Lands went away the principal Chief of the Nation

ing, records Zeisberger, "whither to go nor what to do." Thereby he became the first permanent white settler of St. Clair County. He obtained a grant of land, and died here in 1808. His sons were well-known scouts and interpreters in the War of 1812. Information adapted from Zeisberger's *Diary*, *passim*; *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*; sketch compiled by C. M. Burton in Denissen, *op. cit.*; and data in *Am. State Papers*, *Pub. Lands*, I, *passim*, especially 549.

23 John Cornwall came to Detroit as a private in Butler's Rangers. He was here as early as July, 1779, when he made a deposition impugning the loyalty of James Casety. *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, X, 344-45. In 1790 Cornwall occupied a lot on the Canadian side of Detroit River in the vicinity of Amherstburg. *Ibid.*, XXIV, 58. Prior to this (in 1786) he had entered into an agreement with John Askin for farming the land near Mount Clemens which Askin (together with Major Ancrum) had purchased from the Moravians. See *post*, 234. In October, 1793, Zeisberger records, Cornwall came to Fairfield on the River Thames, where the Moravians had established themselves, and was about to settle near them. *Diary*, II, 327. In 1795 he seems to have been established at Amherstburg. *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XII, 167.

24 Robert Dowler was a loyalist who came to Detroit probably at the close of the Revolution. His name is included in Major Mathews' list of those who in 1787, were to be assigned grants of land on the north side of Lake Erie.