

not been for Captⁿ Underston and Guthrie⁴² supplying Us in a great measure with Fish, we would have been certainly in a bad Condition, there being more of Us in Number than 100 who all want Victuals, and the Children in particular are most troublesome in that respect. I have proposed to both Cap^{ts} wheither the Macinaw Sloop could not set part of Us on Shore at the Mouth of Sandusky, thinking it will speed the Voyage in a great measure, and only carry our Baggage with a few hands to the Grand River. I hope it will meet your aprobation. I thank You a thousand times for Your kindness in sending Us some provision. I had already served what I had of my own out to the hungry Indians. I think it would be to[o] much to agree to Your kind offer in sending us more provision, have consulted Mr Zeisberger, Edwards and Bull about it, but we are of different opinions concerning this matter. I should indeed be very sorry, should all this be at Your own expence, but should Goverment, who indeed has always been very kind and acted as a father to Us do as much more for Us as to send the boat with a little more Provision, we being in a desert place on an Island and not knowing when we shall be off, at least the whole of Us, we shall indeed be very thankful and acknowledging for it. Captⁿ Understan has had great patience with Us, and deserves much praise, for I asure You so many Indians of all Sizes are no agreeable Cargo in the whole. Your Boat will wait no longer, and the Vessel is getting Clear as quick as possible to return to Detroit. We thank You again, for Your indeed parental Care for Us and I am and remain

Dear Sir Your most Obed^{nt} Humble Servt
John Heckenwelder

Addressed: Mr John Askin Mercht Detroit
p favour Mr Miller

Endorsed: Sandusky Islande May 28, 1786 Mr Heckenwelder to Jn^o Askin Recv^d & Answ^d June the 5th N^o 9

42. Captain James [?] Guthrie was engaged in the naval service on the upper lakes as early as 1780, when he was directed by Governor Patrick Sinclair to assume command of the *Welcome* in the place of Captain Harrow, whom Sinclair had placed under arrest. It was Guthrie, therefore, who commanded the vessel which brought the