

PROTECTION OF CROPS AT HURON RIVER⁵⁵River Huron 25th August 1786

Sir I have only to let You know that we have plenty of birds, and Squorrels hear at present which Give us a constant Imploy from Morning to night tho We have but Verry little Damage Done With them as yet much less than in any of my Neighbours fields, be so Good as to Send me a carot of tobacco and let me know the price of it as it is for Slaid and a few small Shot the Smallest that You have as the Shot that I have hear is two large for the Use if You have opertunity to Send up Some flower by Som person that is Cuming this Way it Will not be amis as We have not much at present if I Should Want more help to keep the Burds off[f] the Corn I Will let You know by the first opertunity I Did Exspect You hear before this I think if You Was to Com up hear You had beter take all on Your own hands and then their Will be no Cation of a division I will give you a Good bargin

I am Sir Your friend and Humble Serv^t

John Cornwall

Addressed: M^r John Askin Detroit

Endorsed: Huron River Aug^t 25^h 1786 Jn^o Cornwall to Jn^o Askin Recv^d & Answ^d y^e 26th N^o 13

FROM DAVID ZEISBERGER TO JOHN ASKIN

Cayahaga River Octob^r the 11th 1786

Dear Sir I received your Letter of Septembr^r the 16th yesterday & am much obliged to you for it. M^r Heckenwelder was gone to Bethlehem just a Day before your Letter arrived with his family. The Packet of Letters which Cap^t Caldwell had, we received, it was opened & an Almanack & some Newspapers was wanting, which however Signifieth nothing, if we had all the Letters I cannot tell. I had a very bad hot fever, so as many of our people—thank God I am much better now, though hardly able to write. Only

⁵⁵ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.