

POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM THE MIAMIS COMPANY
TO JOHN ASKIN

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That we Leith & Shepherd, Sharp & Wallace, Meldrum & Park, James Abbott & Angus Mackintosh, as members of the Miamis Company, have made, ordained, authorised, & appointed, & by these presents, do make, ordain, authorise & appoint, John Askin of Detroit, Merchant, our true & Lawful Attorney, irrevocable, for us & in our names, but to the use of him the said John Askin, to ask, demand, sue for, recover & receive, all such balance or balances, sum & sums of money, debts & demands whatsoever, which are now due & owing unto the said Miamis Company, from Baptiste Reaume, Charles Reaume, Dagneaux Dequindre, & Joseph Guilbeau, & in default of payment thereof, to have use & take all lawful ways & means, in our names or otherwise, for the recovery thereof; & on receipt thereof, Acquittances, or other sufficient discharges, for us & in our names, to make seal & deliver, & to do all lawful acts & things whatsoever, concerning the premises, as fully in every respect, as we ourselves, might or could do, if we were personally present; & an Attorney or Attorneys, under him, for the purposes aforesaid, to make, & at his pleasure to revoke, hereby ratifying & confirming, whatsoever our said Attorney shall in our names do, or cause to be done, in & about the premises, by virtue of these presents. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & Seals at Detroit in the District of Hesse this Twenty Second day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand, seven hundred & Eighty Nine & in the Twenty Ninth year of his Majestys Reign.

four districts, to be known as Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nassau, and Hesse. The District of Hesse was the westernmost of the four, having Detroit as the seat of government and the principal town. This arrangement ended only with the American occupation in 1796, when Detroit became, from the governmental point of view, a part of the Northwest Territory. The first legislature of Upper Canada, in 1792, renamed the districts created by Lord Dorchester as follows: the Eastern; the Middle; the Home; and the Western District.