

For Thomas Shepherd & self

George Ironside⁷⁷

Witness

Geo. Leith (L.S.)

Will. Shepherd⁷⁸

Witness

For John Wallace & Self

Geo. Sharp (L.S.)

For George Meldrum & Self

William Park (L.S.)

James Abbott (L.S.)

Angus Mackintosh (L.S.)

Endorsed: Detroit Sep^r 22^d 1789

The Miamis C^o Power of Attorney to John Askin to recover paym^t from Bap^t & Charle Reaume, Degniau Dequaindre & Jo^s Guilbeau

ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS OF THE MIAMIS COMPANY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That we Sharp & Wallace, Leith & Shepherd, Meldum & Park, James Abbott & Angus Mackintosh as members of the Miamis Company, have assigned transferred & made over, & by these presents do assign transfer & make over unto

⁷⁷ George Ironside, born in 1760 and educated at King's College, Aberdeen, was a prominent trader of the Maumee Valley in the period subsequent to the Revolution. In 1789 he had an establishment at Miamitown, which was destroyed at the time of Harmar's invasion the following year. During the next few years he was established at the Glaize (modern Defiance, Ohio), which was destroyed in turn by General Wayne in 1794. At this place Ironside had an Indian wife, whose mother was the owner of Oliver Spencer during his captivity. Apparently, Ironside withdrew to Detroit after Wayne's campaign, and from here to Amherstburg upon the British evacuation of Detroit. At Amherstburg he was appointed clerk and storekeeper in the Indian Department. He died here in 1830. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*; Henry Hay's Journal; and *The Indian Captivity of O. M. Spencer* (M. M. Quaife, ed. Chicago, 1917), *passim*.

⁷⁸ In 1791 William Shepherd was a member of Askin's militia company at Detroit, being entered on the roll as a clerk. In 1795 he was a partner in the firm of Leith and Shepherd at Detroit and Malden, which a year or two later became the firm of Leith Shepherd, and Duff. See Askin Papers, *passim*, and *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*.