

John Askin Jun^r Merchants All of Detroit in the Western District and Province of upper Canada, And Alexander Henry of Montreal Merchant, some of whom have purchased sundry tracts of Land from the Chiefs and principal Leaders of the Ottawa and other nations of Indians, or people on that side of the Line in the Western District Ceded to the American States and as they think it may be attended with mutual advantage to make a joint concern or partnership in the Lands already purchased since the Twenty-first of may last, or that may hereafter be purchased by any of the parties concerned in the said Partnership. THEY HAVE therefore entered into the following Agreement, That is to say that whatever Lands have been already purchased as aforesaid, or may hereafter be purchased by them, or either or any of the said Parties concerned as above mentioned from the Indians, whether in either or any of the names of the said parties, during the whole of the present year one thousand seven hundred and ninety five (but not after that period unless by consent of the said parties) shall become the joint property of the aforesaid Persons, each to hold an equal share, and that each of the said parties concerned shall pay an equal share of every thing given or expended upon the Indians for the payment of said Lands so purchased. THAT Patrick McNiff shall be paid by the concern for drawing the Sketches and Plans, and Surveying the said Lands, and John Askwith for drawing the Deeds and other writings concerning the said Tracts of Lands; IT IS ALSO further agreed by the said Parties that Patrick McNiff, John Askwith, and Israel Ruland be deputed to go to the Grand Council⁹ with the Indian Chiefs to transact the business of the concern with the Commissioners of the American states, AND as such voyage will be attended with much trouble and loss, by being absent from their several occupations and professions: In case the said Tracts of Land shall be ratified and confirmed by the Congress of the United States of America

⁹ The "Grand Council" here alluded to was the one held at Greenville, Ohio, in 1795, which resulted in the noted Greenville Treaty of that year.