

I beg you kindly to give my son any money or other things he may need, and I shall either credit your account or pay you the amount of his indebtedness. He will find himself among people with whom you are familiar, though strangers to him, and any assistance you may give him in this respect will, I assure you, be remembered if the occasion ever offers that I am able to return the kindness you show him.

Mrs. Askin and family present their compliments.

I have the honor &c.

J[ohn] A[skin]

Major Vigo, Fort Greenville.

MISSION OF JOHN ASKIN JR. TO GREENVILLE

Detroit July 5th 1795

Dear John As you were much hurried at leaving this and may have forgot part of what I said to you I think it advisable to repeat the principal matters I spoke to you about.

First I recommend strongly to you to use your Utmost Influence, not only with the Indians but also with all others whose advice they take to Endeavour that the first article of the Treaty between them and the Americans Should be that they are sole Masters of their Lands, to dispose of them as they think fit without any restraint Whatsoever which if it can be obtained will be a future Source of wealth for these poor people and their offspring and Leave it in their powers, not only to confirm such sales of Land as they have already made (when they know them to be Just) but in future to reward such others as may be their Friends. This Appears to me so reasonable and fair, that I should think the Commissioners for the states could not object to it; and it would secure in my Opinion a Lasting Peace between both, which I apprehend never will be the case should the states lay a Claim to the Indian Lands or force them to a sale for when what they get is Expended, and their successors in want they will probably have recourse to Violent means tho' they Should not succeed.