

their soil or Interfering in their sales of it otherwise than to see that They are not defrauded for as my Ideas in general differ from many others it appears to me that the state has no more right to meddle in the sales of their Lands than in that of their furs. for I foresee there will be plenty of Employment for them soon, great purchases of late have been made from Indians & I'm told the same spot has been sold to Several. If I had nothing to do in the former purchases that is [not] now the case. a[s] I hear so often the man of Landed property is the man on that score I will have something to say provided my pretentions Should be good

I am very Thankful to you for your kind Intentions of not announcing to me any thing You think might give me pain, but I have long Since made up my mind not to be uneasy at what happens many things turning out for our good when we do not think so, so long Or [as it] is The will of the Almighty to keep Sickness from my Family I can support most other mistfortunes. Therese wrote M^{rs} Powel last Vessell. She with M^{rs} Askin Joins most sincerely in ever wish that may tend to the happiness of you & I remain most truly.

Dear Sir Your most Obedient Very Humble servant
The Honor^e W. D. Powell (Signed) John Askin
Esquire at Mount Dorchester

Endorsed: Detroit July 11th 1795 From John Askin
To Hon^r W. D. Powell (Copy)

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO JOHN GREGORY

Detroit July 27 1795

Dear Sir I was favoured with your letter from S^t Mary's P M^r Nelson,¹⁰ who arrived two days ago and sails

¹⁰ Another manuscript, dated July 13, 1795, shows that this was Jonathan Nelson, a resident of Detroit, who, upon the British evacuation, elected to remain a subject of Great Britain. In 1805 he was one of those who gave bail for Captain Muir and Ensign Lundy of the Amherstburg garrison, who were committed by the Detroit civil authorities for an attempted seizure of a British deserter. This would seem to indicate that Nelson at this time had property in Detroit. He served in the War of 1812 on the