

Isle in the state of vermont is said to be the purchaser there are no Lands in this Country near equal to what we Claim, as a vessel of 50 or 60 Tons can come Loaded to the greater Part of it. In all your Sales give no warrentie but such as the Indian Deed affords, and in Case You are not Immediately on giving a Deed paid the whole of the Purchase Money (which we do not Expect can be the Case) We would not recommend Your taking a Mortgage on the Land Sold, as Security for the Remainder we rather Recommend your taking good personal Security or a Mortgage on some other Lands that may be Improved

Endorsed: Copy of a Letter to Alexander Henry of Montreal now at New York Grenville August 8th 1795

REPORT TO COLONEL ENGLAND ON MISSION TO GREENVILLE

Detroit August 19th 1795

Sir Being induced both from duty and inclination, I take the liberty of giving you an account of my voyage to Fort Greenville, with what came to my knowledge while I resided there; it will I fear be rather long, but lest the parts I might leave out would be those you wished to be acquainted with, I have thought it adviseable to enter in it every thing that appeared to me any way material.

It is as follows

Several Indian Chiefs of the Chippawa and Ottawa Nation with whom I was well acquainted urged me much to accompany them to the Council at Greenville, assigning for their reasons, that as the business They were going on was of great importance to them they stood in need of a faithfull Interpreter and friend.

After obtaining my Fathers concurrence I left this on the

took to engineer a deal whereby they should obtain title to the entire lower peninsula of Michigan, together with large portions of northern Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. At a subsequent date he endeavored to purchase from Askin and his associates in the Cuyahoga speculation, their interest in that enterprise. A biography of Allen is in *Vermont Historical Gazetteer*, Abby Hemenway, ed. (Burlington, 1871), II, 579-83. Allen's connection with western land speculation is disclosed by various manuscripts in the Burton Hist. Coll. On the attempted grab of the lower peninsula of Michigan and adjacent territory, see *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, III, 58; C. M. Burton, "A Frustrated Land Grab," *The Inlander* (Ann Arbor), III, 209-14; and partnership agreement printed *post*, 568-72.