

uncle Frederick Frelinghuysen²⁸ (who is one of the Senetors in Congress) who were my Particular Friends at Detroit &° so the way is paved in a small Degree it may happen you may want some friends on that side before you die you know my meaning. If I could get this granted is all I ask for all my Landed property is at Fort Washington. I hope you will keep this as an arcanum (or Secret) for If it should be adviseable for me to persue this Plan if known before I come some evill Dispossed Persons might endeavour to persuade People not to sign such a Petition if it was required. I also [torn] to write me what method they have [torn] whether they have attempted to take [torn] Lotts No 19 & N° 20, on River La franch [torn] to some other Person or Persons, you [torn] to inform M^r Askin I shall pay him if it ever lies in my Power to come at my property & every other Person I owe in Detroit I have Property Plenty in the united States as soon as I can come at it. I wish to know how M^r Dolson & Family are & Daniel Fields²⁹ family & if his mill is going as yet. My compliments to all inquiring Friends you will please to have recourse to M^r M^c Niffs Letter for some Incidants after my Departure from Detroit not having room in this paper inform me if M^r Ruling [Ruland] got M^r Jacob Lewis,s sister from the Indians my Compliments to M^r M^cNiff & his Family

²⁸ Frederick Frelinghuysen was born in Somerset County, N. J., April 13, 1753. He graduated at Princeton in 1770, studied law, and at the age of twenty-three became a member of the provincial congress of New Jersey. In 1778 he was elected to the Continental Congress, and in addition to service here he achieved a creditable military record during the Revolution. In 1794 President Washington appointed him major general of New Jersey troops for service in the Whisky Rebellion. He served in the U. S. Senate from 1793 to 1796, when he resigned because of family bereavements. He died, April 13, 1804. See Appleton's *Cyclopaedia of American Biog.*

²⁹ Daniel Field (Fields) served as a sergeant in Captain Caldwell's company of Butler's Rangers during the Revolution, and at its close came to Detroit. A petition to the Land Board, June 18, 1790, discloses that he was then in the employ of Alexander McKee, and that he had served as spokesman for his fellow-rangers in efforts to secure from the government some compensation for their military service. Two years later, Field was in possession of a tract of land on the Thames River, and about this time was captain of Essex County militia. Apparently, he ran a mill, for an affidavit of John Drake, in June, 1795, recounts transactions with "Captain Donald Fields," miller, who would seem to have been identical with Captain Daniel Field. See Askin Papers, *passim*; *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XI, 451; and Ontario Bureau of Archives, *Third Report*, *passim*.