

LAND CLAIMS OF JOHN ASKIN

Private: to John Askin Esq

Niagara 12 Nov^r 1795

Dear Sir You must attribute my not writing to you to my great trouble of mind, & not want of Affection My father mends very slowly indeed & my eldest girl is very ill.

I advised the Commadore at all Events to take the 1200 Acres for you, which is all the Council can give except on Military claims. the Door however is never shut against application & Representations. The Deputy Lawyer shall be instruct^d in your behalf I think it likely there may be yet a lot in the 2^d Concession near Chatham I know your Services & your value. I wish I could reward both. The Terms of Townships are by no means understood. I hope to have more time & better spirits to write to you soon & in the Mean [time] I remain affectionately yours

D W Smith

I have not had time yet to send Copy of your account, hope it is right. the balance was larger than you thought The Keg of Peas you were kind enough to send my Mother, never came to hand.

Addressed: John Askin Esq Detroit

Endorsed: Niagara Nov^r 12th 1795 W. D. Smith to Jn^o Askin Answ^d y^e 27^h Jan^y, 96

TRADE CONDITIONS AT FORT MIAMIS

Fort Miamis Novb^r 14^h 1795

Dear Sir I receiv^d Your Letters by The Shineu fly Da^t 4^h & 10 In^t I am very Sorrey Latour Heas Not paid you his Note of hand if he coms out heir you May be a Shoured I will triy My beast to geat payment From him. I thought Grant of the Artillery Was in Detroit A long time before he was Sent away but you did Not present His Note to the Drawears before he was gone as for trusting Any More then you Desier it is a thing I will Not Do but I Heave your order for to trust the work Man at this Fort or I wouled not a heave Don it. I thought you Hav got