

DEED TO CUYAHOGA PURCHASE¹

THIS INDENTURE made the Eighteenth day of January and in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Ninety Six between John Askin Esquire, William Robertson² Esquire, John Askin Junior Israel Ruland,³ John Dodemead,⁴ Patrick M^cNiff⁵ all of Detroit and Alexander Henry⁶ of Montreal of the one part, and the chiefs and leaders of the Ottawa Chipawa and Messasague Nations of Indians of the other part Witnesseth, that we the said Chiefs and principal leaders of the said Nations of Indians, for ourselves and by and with the Consent and advice of the whole of our said Nations or Tribes, in Consideration of the sum of five Shillings Halifax Currency to us in hand paid by the said John Askin Esquire William Robertson Esquire, John Askin Junior Israel Ruland John Dodemead Patrick M^cNiff and Alexander Henry, (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) and for other good causes and considerations Us the sa[id]⁷ chiefs and principal leaders of the said Nations or Tribes of Indians he[reunto]⁸ especially moving: HAVE bargained and sold and by these presents [all]⁷ and each of us doth bargain and sell unto the said John Askin, Wil[liam]⁷ Robertson, Israel Ruland John Askin Junior John Dodemead Patric[k M^cNiff]⁷ and Alexander Henry their Executors Administrator and assigns, All [that]⁷ Capital Messuage or certain Tract of Land Situated lying and being on the South [side]⁷ of Lake Erie, and bounded as follows towit, Commencing at the entrance of the Cayahoga River into Lake Erie and thence runing up the westerly bank of said river to the portage or carrying place between that River and the Tuscarrawas branch of the Muskingum River,

¹ For additional documents concerning the Cuyahoga Purchase, see *Burton Historical Records*, I and II, *passim*. Referred to hereafter as *B. H. R.* A photograph of the concluding portion of the agreement is published, *ibid.*, I, 558.

² For the career of William Robertson, see *ibid.*, 208.

³ Israel Ruland, for whom see *ibid.*, 545.

⁴ John Dodemead, for whose career see *ibid.*, 304.

⁵ Patrick McNiff, for whose career see *ibid.*, 424.

⁶ Alexander Henry, for whose career see *ibid.*, 93.

⁷ The manuscript is mutilated at this point.

⁸ This word is covered by the seal which accompanies the first signature to the document.