

for our wiseacres have given to Jo. Brant⁴⁹ so decided a Superiority in the late negociation, that the Missasague's who own the Territory between York and the western population of the Province have adopted him in the Place of their great Chief Wabkenine who was murdered it is supposed by some rangers. They say that Brant is fittest to be their Chief because he alone knows the value of Land.

I think much Matter may arise from this Transaction and not greatly to the Credit of our Politicians.

M^{rs} P. and her flock enjoy good Health and She unites cordially in the assurances of Regard and Respect to M^{rs} A yourself and family with Dear Sir Your fr^d & Servant

W^m Dummer Powell

John Askin Esq^r

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Detroit. recommended to the Care of M^r T Dixon

Endorsed: Mount Dorchester May 11^h 1798 Judge Powell to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 24^h Answ^d 29^h of June but no Copy kept

ABSCONDENCE OF ANDREW JOHNSON

river Raisin May 21, 1798

Dear Father If M^r Pattinson⁵⁰ had not been in such a Great hurry (en Passant) this way on his return to Detroit I would have wrote you before this Period. I re^d a letter from M^r Marshall wrote by M^r Maisonville in your Name Acquainting Me of Johnsons⁵¹ having run away & that you was a great Sufferer by it. he passed the Cahayagai river the 29th April; I had five Indians who was to have Seized & bound him & brought him back to Detroit but he unfortunately did not come on this side of the Cahayagai river & the Indians were not willing to commit any Offence on the other Side. As I mean to go to Detroit in a Short time I will give you a full acc^t of M^r Johnson. Please present my

⁴⁹ For a sketch of the career of Joseph Brant, see *B. H. R.*, I, 541.

⁵⁰ Richard Pattinson, for whose career see *ibid.*, 594.

⁵¹ Probably Andrew Johnson, who according to various letters among the Askin papers had been running a flourmill as Askin's agent at Raisin River.