

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO ABRAHAM IREDELL

Detroit 2^d January 99

Dear Sir I was favoured with a Letter from you Some time ago accompanied with a Map for which I am very thankful, as you desire me to Keep it untill you came this way yourself & I expected that would be Soon was the reason of my not writing before, but as I was fav^d with another Letter of yours yesterday I take the earliest opportunity to answer it. you may depend on it that my Son got N^o 6 in the second Township, second Concession, Northe Side River Thames, & that both the register & Land Board Certificate will prove what I say. I was not Sure it was not N^o 7 once, but as the Land Board Certificates must be followed (it seems) even If given thro Wrong information or mistake, I do not mean to take or accept of any other in lieu thereof. M^r James M^oDonell¹ I believe so far as I can recollect got a lot very near it. No person has or Shall See the map you sent me but myself, but untill you are present I cannot well make a choice, not Knowing how near what you have or is laid out is to the River Ruscum or Pointe aux Roches where you Know I always intended to take up my Lands. Please present my best Comp^{ts} to M^{rs} Iredell & believe me to be &^a

(Signed) J A

M^r Iredell

Endorsed: Detroit 2^d January 1799 John Askin to Abraham Iredell Copy

LAND CLAIMS OF ARENT S. DE PEYSTER

Detroit 5 Jan^y 99

Sir Your letter of the 29 May did not reach me untill the 26 November last. It will give me pleasure at all times to have it in my power to render service to any relation to my worthy friend Col. Depeyster, at Same time in the

¹ For the career of James McDonell, see *B. H. R.*, I, 374.