

Ground granted by the Commander in Chief, for Military Services and all other Persons, who may have dwelt, or resided therein by grant or power from M^r Alex. Macomb,³¹ or of his Agents or Attorneys, and of all others, whom it doth, shall or may concern, all such Sum and Sums of Money, as now are, and which shall arise, become and grow due and payable, unto me the said Henry Bird, for Rent and Arrears of Rent, for all and every, or any of my Messuages, or Tenements situate in Detroit as aforesaid, by Lease or otherwise; And also to demand and levy, from Edward Hazell,³² (residing on my premises, and occupying two Houses Built by me and at my expence, eighteen Miles from the Fort at Detroit,) a Sum Annually, not exceeding one York Shilling. And if need be, to enter into or upon the said Messuages or Tenements, or any of them, And to destrain for all or any such Rent or Arrearages of Rent, and to enter and take Possession of them or any of them, in Case of Forfeiture, as occasion shall require; And to use and take all or any other lawful Remedies, Ways, means and Advantages whatsoever, for or upon Default, or Non-payment of all or any such Rent, or Arrears of Rent, and likewise to transact, do, perform, and accomplish all other Affairs whatsoever, relating to all or any my said Messuages or Tenements, as occasion shall require, as fully as I myself might or could do, were I personally present: And upon Receipt or Recovery of all or any such Rent or Arrears of Rent, sufficient Acquittances and Discharges for me and in my name to make and give. Giving and by these Presents granting full powers as above and revoking all other powers whatever.

Henry Bird (L.S.)

³¹ Alexander Macomb of New York, for whom see *ibid.*, 108.

³² Edward Hazel served during the Revolution as interpreter in the British Indian Department. In June, 1782, he brought news to Detroit of the defeat suffered by General Greene "near Savannah." Four months later he brought to De Peyster news of an impending attack on Detroit by Colonel Irvine at Pittsburgh, which much alarmed De Peyster. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XX, 23 and 66-67. In 1784, Hazel's name occurs among the list of persons then drawing rations in Detroit. *Ibid.*, 237. About this time Captain Henry Bird gave to Agnes Hazel (wife of Edward) and Judith Hicks, sister, "of Detroit," possession of a house and tract of land to which he claimed title at Amherstburg—apparently the same property alluded to in the present document. That Hazel lived here for several years at least is indicated by a letter of Alexander Macomb to Bird (then in England) in 1788. *Ibid.*, XXIV, 15-17. In 1792 Hazel was still serving as Indian interpreter, and in 1794 Colonel England commended him to Governor Simcoe for appointment as lieutenant of local militia, but added that he was "not a favorite" of Colonel McKee. See *ibid.*, 380, and *Simcoe Papers*, II, 198.