

Addressed: John Askin Sen^r Esquire Merch^t Detroit
P^r Joseph Robert

Endorsed: River au Raisin Feb^y 25^h 1799 M^r Geo
M^cDougall to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 26^h & Answ^d same day

ADVICE CONCERNING DIFFICULTIES OF JEAN DUSAULT

Detroit 26 feb^y 99

Dear Sir About an hour ago, I was favoured with a Letter from you, dated yesterday. as M^r Park was present and Said he was going to the River Raisin to morrow I have Set Down to answer it. Mons Duseau's embarrassment must in a great measure arise from not examining matters properly. Surely in the whole extent of the River au Raisin wood may be found, and Some I'm sure not far from him. however that you and him Should Join about the mill, is an advice I would give to both were you my brothers. at Same time it's only advice, and proceeds from good wishes, for it is no concern of mine. I am sure the Sales to both were fair, and no duplicity made use of nor do I think either dear, and was I not So distant I would not hesitate to Join you both If you chose it; writing on this Subject do[es] not answer any great purpose, but If M^r Duseau comes in with you at any time and [you] think my advice worth following I will give it freely. I recollect when here last he asked me If I would take you for the mill, on the Same conditions he purchased it. I told him I would do all I could to accomodate both parties when I saw you, & heard what you proposed but as he is a Miller & you not, I think he would make a very good partner and I was almost tempted to say I would take a Share with him, in particular as he said he would Keep the mill in repair without any charge against the concerned.

Signed J A

Endorsed: Detroit 25 feb^y 99 John Askin to Geo.
M^cDougall Copy