

PROJECTED ADVENTURE OF EBENEZER ALLAN

Detroit 6. mar. 99

D^r Sir The Bearer hereof M^r Ebenezer Allen has applied to me to Know If there is any merchant who I think would advance a Small Indian Cargo on getting Security for the payment. as, I think, you wrote me last year of having ordered out goods of that Kind, and perhaps have not disposed of them, I mentioned you to him he Says his plan is to go to the Ouisconsin on, or Near the fox River, and he will acquaint you with the rest of his Scheme of this, or the place of trade I am no Judge you are a much better yourself. I therefore have no advice to give respecting the intended trade, nor must you consider me as answerable in any respect, Should matters not turn out well. my intentions are to Serve both. M^r Allen is not my debter, nor to my Knowledge does he owe any merchant here. I have Seen his deeds from Government for between two & three thousand acres of Land. a part of these he has sold for £3,000 and I believe little or no payment is made yet, nor has he given Deeds, as I understand for what he Sold, but intends to do so, and take mortgages, which mortgages I Suppose is to be the Security for the paym^t of the goods he may get of you or any other. I have heard that there is a grist & a Saw Mill on his Lands & an excellent pinery therefore must be valuable. I have only to add that Mr Allen is as active & enterprizing a man as any in the province & perfectly Sober. I have now stated the business fair on both Sides So far as is come to my Knowledge therefore do as you think fit.

Signed J A

Endorsed: Coppy Detroit March 6^h 1799 John Askin to M^r Alex^r Henry of Montreal

PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLYING BRICKS IN DETROIT

Proposals

I will furnish Lewis Bond²⁹ & John Dodemied Esquires, or whoever may be authorised to receive the Same, Sixty

²⁹ Lewis Bond was a native of New Jersey who in 1777, still a mere youth, became a