

Corn where he formerly did. luckily my Son John met him & brought him to me & prevented the Complaint being made, which If it had might be very hurtful to, not only you, and me but to all who claim a right to Lands purchas^d of Indians. the Governor of this territory is Soon expected here If he found Complaints he might represent to Congress that we were Cheating the Indians out of their Lands (Which I fear they already think to be the case) tho it is not So with us I therefore, for your Sake, mine & all others Concerned in Indian Lands, advise you Strongly not to have any Misunderstanding at this time with the Chief or his People and for the present to let them plant where they please. I understand next year they mean to go away & then we will not have any more trouble with them

S^d J A

Endorsed: Detroit 7 June '99 John Askin to M^r Connor
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POSTAL SERVICE BETWEEN TORONTO AND DETROIT

River Thames 14th May 1799

Dear Sir, I am Sorry to inform you that it is impossible for me to make you any remittance this Spring, as I expected. the Winter has been so long, & Severe, that I have been obliged to feed all my grain away to my Cattle, (having no hay) I hope you will be so indulgent as to prolong the payment 'till after Harvest, when you shall be paid without fail. I have enclosed a Letter for M^r Maisonville from the Sur Gen^l which I found Accidentely in a House up the River. the Woman of the House brought me the Letter to Read. She told me She found it out of Doors. when I told her it was from the S G to M^r Maisonville, she said she thought that the Letter & a number of others had been brought from York last winter by an Old Dutchman, who lived Some time at their house, & that probably the rest of the Letters have been lost.

I remain Sir with the greatest esteem

your Most Ob^t & Hum^{le} Serv^t

Hugh Holmes

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