

your favour. The potatoes are arrived, and tho' late we will give them a trial, M^{rs} A is thankful for them, she is fond of what plants, Roots &ca, that are new. I shall not want any Salt. tho' the price is low, that quantity does not answer well I am much obliged to you for your information respecting the getting a tenant for the Salt Spring.

I believe the Quantity of Salt water is considerable and for my part I wish much to let it out for five, or even Seven years, but as M^r W^m Robertson holds a Share in it, I have Sent him your Letter in order to obtain his Sentiments on the Subject. I think the person who wishes to hire Should visit the Spring himself in order to be a Judge. he might purchase If he thought proper, at least a half and there is proper Kettles now here that I believe would be Sold cheap, as the Spring they were intended for, does not answer it's always pleasing to me to hear that your prospects are good, and will be more so when I find they answer your expectations. there is nothing new in this quarter therefore I cannot make any return for your news in that way. the family in general assure you of their good wishes as does

Sign'd J A

Endorsed: Detroit 10 July '99 John Askin to Robert Nichol Copy

LOSS OF LAND CERTIFICATES

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My D^r Sir Your very obliging Letters dated the 8 & 30 last m^o reached me a very few days ago & I'm very happy to learn that your good Mother & you are well & most Sincerely wish you a prosperous voyage Home, and safe return, for I hope we are not to loose you from this country. I do not know of any commands I now have home, unless my best Comp^{ts} to Such of my acquaintances as you may meet with.

the Majestrate's Certificates to the number of 14, with the Sales of them to me, I made up in a bundle and gave to the Commodore with the necessary directions on it, and in same bundle I think (but am not Sure) was my Memorial to the President in Council. If he has the latter I cannot See how he lost the former It is a most unlucky circumstance for