

me, as I may never have a better opportunity to have my Claims brought forward, whilst you and so many other friends were on the Spot. I hope your, and their representation (If the papers are lost) will get me an equal quantity of Land, being in all but 2,800 acres. I rely too much on the honor of the President and Council to allow me to be So great a Sufferer where I was not in fault. I can give clear proofs of these Majestrate's Certificates or recommendations having existed, and the names of those to whom they were granted, also by the oaths of my Clerks the Sum I paid for each, and I believe I can find out the greater part of the Majestrates who granted them Specifying to whom. under these fair circumstances I really cannot entertain any doubt, that even Should the Papers be lost (which from what you wrote, I fear is true) but what the Lands will be given me and that there will Issue an order of Council to let me have the quantity aforesaid, in which case I make no doubt you will give M^r Iredell directions to locate So much where any lands may be laid out and not already taken up for God's sake, get me thro' this difficulty. ways & means are better Known to you than me. it badly suits my present circumstances to loose 14 lots. as I know you must be Very busy, I will only add M^{rs} A's assurances of unalterable esteem & regard for you & your good mother & that I remain with Sentiments of pure friendship

Signed J A

P S I have not wrote the Commodore now, as I learn he is on his way back. If with you, let him Know what I have said so as to Join with you in doing the needful

Endorsed: Detroit 10^h July 99 John Askin to D. W. Smith Esq^r Copy

INDEBTEDNESS OF FREDERICK GRAETER

Montreal 15th July 1799

Dear Askin I wrote you from Queenstown since which I am favord with yours of the 2^d June you Judged right in supposing I would be [have] Left that place before you arrived however I still hope we will yet meet. I am sorry to hear your health has been so indifferent but hope the warm weather will reestablish it. M^r Swan is returned to