

different Sizes, say 8 or 9 Ct. Steel I have, and as he makes deck nails very well I shall not want any I wish I could Say as much for the Baker, but tho' he may be able to work under another, he cannot have the management of that business to himself, therefore I mean to sell his time to some other.

Signed J A

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LOSS OF LAND CERTIFICATES

Detroit July 19^h 1799

My Dear sir I wrote you a short Letter last night as the Vessell was then on her way and as far as Sandwich. In hopes that she may still be Overtaken by this at the rivers mouth I send you under cover herewith the Duplicate of the Memorial I gave you with the Certificates or recommendation Sales &^{ca}. If the Governor is not yet Arrived perhaps it may still be time to present it. if he is, perhaps it would be right to make him Acquainted with what has happened. My Friend M^r Smith & you knows whats best. M^r Cartwright I know has mentioned these recommendations to the Chief Justice & I dare say he will be favourable as well as M^r Baby. If I'm refused these Lands it's a greater hardship than any Other has Undergone. Hundreds & perhaps Thousands of Majestrates Certificates have passed since mine were given out, & to Characters not so deserving. If Lands will not be Alloted to me on Application to the Deputy Surveyor for two years, (tho frequent applications made) am I to blame? and when I take the mode prescribed by applying to the Governor in Council to suffer or order them to be located, and from Accident all my papers are lost, there Again surely I'm not to blame? I do not wish to throw reflections at same time on Any man, or Any department, but however hope I may not suffer from delay, perhaps unavidable, tho not occasioned by me. The people who got the recommendations Imediately Applied for Lands. They were told that none was then laid out but when they were, they should have them. tired with frequent