

ABSCONDENCE OF ALEXANDER LORANGER

Fort Miamis 16th Nob^r 1799

D^r S^r I write this in grate heast to enform you that Alexander Lorange⁹¹ who owes us £195 by Note was on his way up this River But the water Being So Low Couled not procead he heas Retourned And Stored his goods at Vetocats. And is Started this Morning for Horses to Carey up his goods, he Sais To the River S^t Joseph, which is out of the Country. So I think we Should not Lose any time In heaving Some thing don with him Eather Seas The Goods or take him but I think to Seas the Beast^t. But as You Know More about the Law Then Me I will Leave it to You he is fited out by Gearome⁹² he told Me him Self & his Mon also [tha]t he was on his oane Account & had to the Amount of £400-"-" which wouled do us Some good. It is My Real opinon he will Not Retourn to this Country. So I hope You will Not Lat one Minet pass But gat Some person to Come out to Sease or take him As You think Beast. But who Eveal Coms out Enform him Not to Mention aney thing of His Busness at the River Reason or at Detroit, as if Gearome hears of it he will take his Goods. when he pased to go up he did Not Call on Me But pased on the other Side of The River. in heast as the Bear[er] is wating I am Sir with Resp^t your ob^t & Humb^l Sernv^t

John Anderson⁹³John Askin Esq^r

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Merch^t Detroit M^d by Indian

Endorsed: John Anderson's letter To John Askin Relative To Alexander Lorange 1799

⁹¹ On the relationships and descent of the lines of Rivard, Loranger, and Maisonville, see *B. H. R.*, I, 49 and 325. The descendants of Nicholas Rivard, there noted, commonly retained the name of Rivard. The descendants of his brother, Robert, assumed, among others, the names of Loranger and Maisonville.

⁹² Jean Baptiste Jerome was born in 1762 and buried at Raisin River, June 7, 1832. He married prior to 1792, Mary Deliennes *dit* Belanger, and their daughter, Mary Archange, born in Detroit, Feb. 17, 1792, married Hubert Lacroix, subsequently a leading citizen of Monroe. Jean Baptiste Jerome settled in Monroe prior to 1802. In 1805 the first court of Monroe County convened in his home. See Denissen, *op. cit.*, and *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*.

⁹³ For the several John Andersons of Detroit and vicinity, see *post*, 723.