

CESSIONS OF INDIAN LANDS

30 May 1796

Sir The little Otter with other Chiefs & Warriors Twenty in Number are now at my House Waiting for M^r Ruland in order to put the finishing hand to all their Conveyance They are all perfectly sober The Chiefs request a little Rum for themselves & Young [men] while waiting for Ruland. You will please send them Two Bottles & Charge it to the Company acco^t but not to the Cayahoga

P M^cNiff

J Askin Esq^r

Endorsed: Ent^d S/D 30 May, 96 Patt M^cNiff

NOTICE OF INVALIDITY OF INDIAN LAND GRANTS

WHOM IT MAY CONCERN By the Treaty at Greenville concluded in August last by Major General Wayne on the part of the United States with all the Indian Tribes Resident South & East of the Lakes it is Stipulated that the Indians shall not alienate their Lands either by Sale or Donation without the Consent of the United States. It follows from this Stipulation that all Donation or Sales made Subsequent to the Said Treaty are Contrary to Compact and of Course invalid I utter this Testimonial at the instance of a Potawatomie Chief Okia in order to save him & other Chiefs the Importunities (to which he has assured me they are exposed) of ignorant or designing persons for grants of their Lands. Given at Greenville 31 May 1796

Witness my hand & Seal

(Signed) James Wilkinson

Brig^r General in the Army of y^e United States

(L.S.)

Endorsed: Greenville May the 31st 1796 Brigadier General Wilkinson d[e]clarations relative to Lands purchased of Indians

PAYMENT FOR INDIAN LANDS

Detroit 2nd June 1796

Sir Please deliver the Little Otter for use of the Chiefs four Bottles of Indian Rum and four Loaves of Bread and