

& his Wife & Children are arrived, & now at Caulwells. The house of Bourginione, I have look[ed] at & taken the opinion of a person £65 or 70, is the entire worth of it as it now stands. Cap^t M^cLean will not give him a Grant for the Lot, altho there is a house on it, as it is not puting in a way of furnishing. the person who may buy it, will have it in His name. I hope I have answer'd yours in some particulars. I am ever yours

W^m Harffy

Tuesday Morn^g Aug^t 19th 1800

P. S. The Vessel is loaded for M^r M^cIntosh with English goods. it is coming up very fast as the Store at the Chippaway are full therefore you May expect the *Saganah* Soon

Addressed: Jn^o Askin Esq^{re} Detroit with Care & Soon

Endorsed: Malden Aug^t 19th 1800 Doc^r Harffy to Jn^o Askin Rec^d 20th & Answ^d y^e 22^d

DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING LAND TITLES

Detroit Aug^t 22^d 1800

Dear sir As perhaps you may think it right to Mention the whole or part of the Contents of this Letter to his Excellency General Hunter I will not mix it with any Other Matters.

For the sole purpose of Obtaining Deeds for my lands I went last Year to York the only Voyage I have made for Nineteen Years past as I wished much to deliver M^r James M^c Gils & you Patents for the Lands I sold you & get others for my own that Remained. for this purpose I took with me Above 700 Dollars & gave dayly Attendance at all the Offices for One Month & two days which I remained there Sundays Excepted. When I came Away I did not Understand nor do I now of any Objections to my Grants being made Out but yet I cannot get them. The Descriptions for many I myself carried from the Acting Surveyor Generals office to that of the Solicitor Generals & took Fiats from him & delivered them to M^r Jarvis the Secretary who told

in 1811, Philippe Aubert de Gaspé, author of *Les Anciens Canadiens*, and other important works, and died Aug. 6, 1847. Their descendants have long been prominent in Canada and elsewhere.