

rather suppose they [illegible] to M^r Jarvis not making out & delivering the Patents for these Fiats I had actually lodged at his office before I came Away. it is a very great hardship indeed that Disputes of Office or Neglects should cause such Expence & delays to Individuals & I'm sure it is very contrary to his Excellencys Instructions, for when I was at York he Obligated the Clerks at Each office to report to him what they had done in the Week to prevent them as I believed from being Idle as The Day I came away I mentioned to his Excellency my Anxiety to get the Patents out as I owed M^r M^c Gill & you the [several words illegible] when taking my leave of him, (but not before) [illegible] could he would Serve me, had he given me this oppening before, I would have presented him with a [two words illegible].

Whatever Bussiness I had to do with the Council I there meet with no delay. they meet Every Day when anyone had Bussiness to do with them.

I Remain my Dear Sir as Usual

Your Ever Obligated Friend

J. A.

Isaac Todd Esquire at Montreal

TITLE TO MORAVIAN LAND

Detroit, June 29th 1796

Sir Tho I have not had the pleasure of receiving a Letter from you these many Years I have made it my Business to inquire of every Gentleman who had seen or heard of you at home how You & Your good Family were & it made me happy to hear in general that you were all well.

In a very few days the Americans will take Posesion of this Fort & from every Information I can get I Understand they are very unfavourable to Indian Grants, however as I do not Mean to give up your pretentions or mine to the 4,000 acres of Land on the River aux Hurons formerly where the mauravians lived, I should be glad to bring forward the best authority in my Power for making the Purchase & as I understood from you that you once wrote the late L^t Gov. Hope on that Subject & had a favorable